

BOAT BUILDER Pfc Carl Morse is shown with the principle tool he used in making this model of an HDSF mineplanter. Another view of the smartly constructed craft is also shown. (Photos by GGG.)

Builds Boat with Pen-Knife Model of Mineplanter is Battery Prize

Highly prized object of art at F-6th C. A., Fort Baker, is the ship model of a mineplanter recently completed by Pfc Carl Morse of the battery, who constructed the model in less than six weeks of spare time using a pen-knife for the major portion of the work.

What makes the well constructed model so valuable to the men of the Mine Flotilla is that it is almost an exact replica of the mineplanter they work from to sow and service depth charges in the sea.

There are no machined parts on the mineplanter model and even to deck lights which light through concealed batteries, the ship is authentic in every detail, though it was not constructed to scale. Its length measures 39 inches and to the top of the forward mast it scales 20 inches high.

Shoe eyelets from GI brogans serve as portholes.

Private Morse has been on the raising ropes of a mineplanting crew for two years during which time he has become well acquainted with all the characteristics not only of this ship, but practically every vessel that enters the Golden Gate.

He has made models of other ships including that of a destroyer, which he willed to one of his buddies.

But Morse is more than an expert on ships. His battery chums call him "P-38," because he can recognize almost every piece of aircraft that flies. Last Regimental Day he constructed an exact model of the Golden Gate Bridge, and, according to the men around him, Carl is always whittling out items of interest.

In Wilkes Barre, Pa., Private Morse was an ice and coal delivery man.

Army 'Y' Presents Movies, Bingo to Outlying Areas

What, when and where the Army YMCA's entertainment committee, under the direction of Mr. Bellvin F. Vincent, present to men at outlying areas in the Harbor Defenses:

Thurs., July 20, End of the Road, Bingo Party; Kirby, movies; On the Point, movies.

Fri., July 21, D-6th C.A., movies.

Sat., July 22, H-6th C. A., movies; Bldg. No. 9, Fort Scott, movies.

NO EXCUSES

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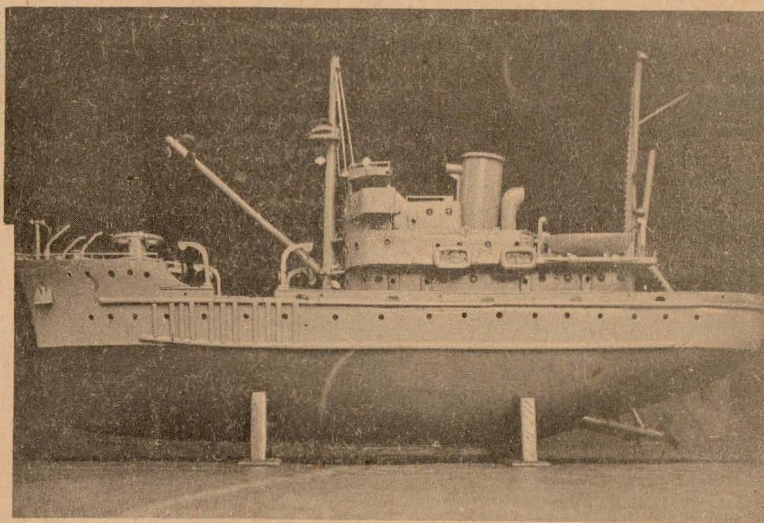
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Wac's, A-6th Top Bond Race



Leaders in the purchase of War Bonds through Class 'B' Allotments in the Harbor Defenses this week are the Wac Co. and Battery A-6th C.A., both of Fort Scott, each of whom has greater than a 50 per cent participation in the new 'GI Bond' (\$7.50 gets you \$10) plan.

Members of the Women's Army Corps have 60 per cent of their company investing in War Bonds to head all other organizations in the command, while A-6th runs a close second with 51 per cent participation.

Commanding officers of both organizations are said to be greatly responsible for this unusually fine showing by stressing the many advantages of the new 'GI Bond' plan to each member of their units.

Some Lag

Many of the organizations in the command are falling behind in their subscriptions, it was learned. This has been due, it is believed, to the elimination of the "installment" plan of the Class 'B' Allotment whereby military personnel purchased War Bonds by having as little as \$3.75 deducted from their pay each month. It took as long as six months to earn one Bond this way.

Under the new plan, the soldier receives a bond-a-month, whether it be a 'GI Bond', which costs the soldier \$7.50 or a \$100 Bond, which costs \$75. In either case delivery of War Bonds to the purchaser are made promptly, Lt. Walter F. Cornwell, post War Bond officer, promises.

\$7.50 Gets You \$10

Every soldier is urged to become acquainted with the 'GI Bond', which has received warm approval from all military circles. It gives the GI with a slim pocketbook the opportunity of investing for the future. For \$7.50 a month the soldier receives a War Bond that at maturity brings \$10.

The 'GI Bond', a Series E, cannot be purchased for cash and is restricted for sale to military personnel through the Class 'B' Allotment plan.

The military phase of the Fifth War loan terminates July 31.

'Save a Life' is HDSF Motto McGee Relieves Adkins as Top Kick at I-6th

Another young topkick took over controls at I-6th, Fort Barry, this week when 24-year old Sgt. Richard U. McGee was appointed number one noncom of that battery.

The appointment came following the departure of 1st Sgt. Clodeon Adkins, long a prominent figure in HDSF activities, for Quartermaster OCS at Camp Lee, Va. Adkins had been first sergeant at 'I' Battery for nearly three years, and was manager of the Fort Barry Lions, 1944 Harbor Defense baseball champions.

Adkins had long dreamed of managing a Harbor Defense baseball team, and when his battery nine won the title this season he was set to guide it on to Sector and WDC laurels. The OCS appointment terminated his managership.

McGee, one of the HDSF's few expert gun commanders, is a native of Coleraine, N. C., and enlisted in the Army June 23, 1939, at Ft. Slocum, N. Y. He received his coast artillery training at Ft. Kamehameha, T. H., before being sent to I-6th at Fort Barry, Calif., Nov. 17, 1941.

Strangely enough, the new position came a few days following McGee's birthday, July 13, which constitutes quite a present for any "youngster."

Hospital Fun Harmonettes to Entertain Patients

The Harmonettes will be the featured entertainers at the Fort Baker hospital recreation hall Sun., July 23, at 1830, according to the Red Cross.

Patients enjoyed the Musical Four of the Presidio YMCA Sun., July 9 and the regular Y's Bingo Night Fri., July 7. Monopoly and Bingo, under sponsorship of the Red Cross, was held Sun., July 16.

"All Is Well," USO show, will play the recreation hall Wed., Aug. 2.

Mrs. Helen Jensen, Red Cross aide, is on vacation until July 24.

Baker Hospital Aid Given by Local ARC

About 65,000 surgical dressings, 1,102 kit bags, 233 sewed garments and 230 knitted garments were produced for the Fort Baker Station Hospital in one year by the Fort Scott Red Cross Auxiliary, it was disclosed in an annual report recently by Mrs. Ethel Haines, auxiliary chairman.

In addition to hospital work the Auxiliary members were active as Red Cross Motor Corps, Canteen Corps and Dietitian's Aide Corps workers. A few held staff positions with the Red Cross.

In July of last year twenty women of the Auxiliary completed a course on nutrition. The Noncom Officers' Wives branch completed a home nursing course the following month.

During the year the Auxiliary raised funds for the Red Cross, War Fund Drive and other worthy causes. At Christmas time members prepared gift packages for men overseas.

There are approximately 50 members of this auxiliary of the Red Cross, all of whom are the wives of officers and enlisted men serving within the command.

C.A. Personnel Section 100 Per Cent for Bonds

First of the many units in the command striving for a 100 per cent participation in the 'GI War Bond' purchase plan to reach the goal is the 6th C. A. Personnel Section.

"Every man of the section, irrespective of rank, signed up for the '\$7.50 gets you \$10' Bond purchase arrangement, because it represents the most sensible saving plan the Army offers," M/Sgt. Lovell Spaulding, sergeant major, explained.

The GI Bond is strictly a GI deal that supplements the Class 'B' Allotment plan.

'A' Battery Soldier Gets Sheepskin From GI College

For completing a course in American History with the United States Armed Forces Institute, Pfc Charles Stille of A-6th, Fort Scott, has been awarded a Certificate of Proficiency by Capt. Harley Stewart, BC of 'A' Battery.

Stille hails from Goshen, Ind., and has been studying with the USAFI in his off duty hours.

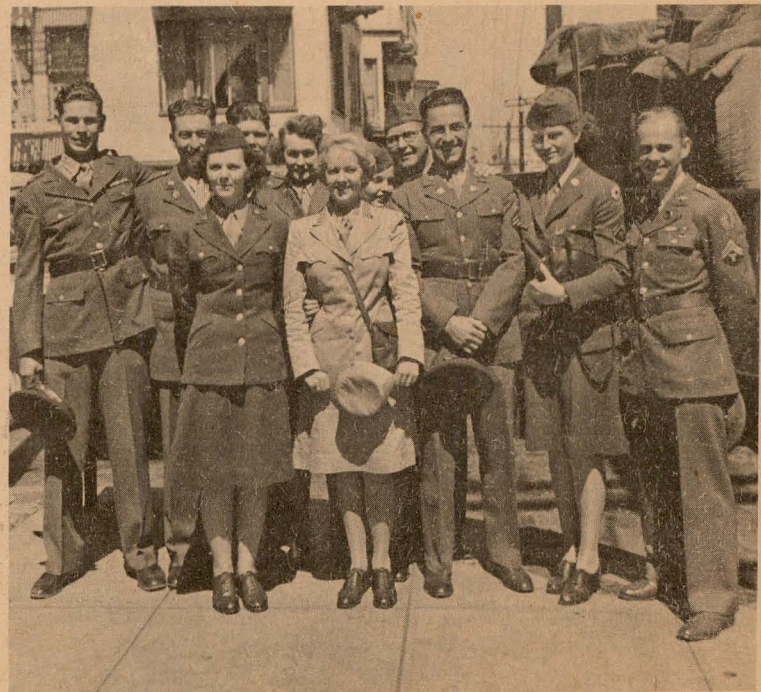
Soldiers, Sailors, Wacs Donate Blood Often For Wounded Buddies

Wacs and sailors stationed in the defenses have joined the large turnout of Harbor Defense blood donors to the Red Cross Blood Procurement Center of San Francisco.

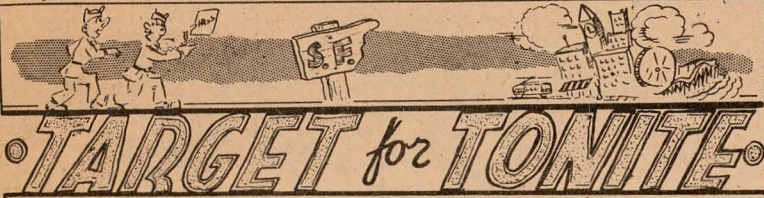
Batteries B-6th and A-6th are the most active organizations in contributing to the cause of saving lives with blood plasma by sending groups about once a week. Enlisted personnel of the Wac Company boast of almost a 100 per cent blood donor record.

When the Navy Detachment at Fort Scott learned of the extreme need for blood plasma with men returning from the battle fields of Normandy and other burning fronts, over 30 men in middies contributed almost four gallons of the life-saving liquid last Thursday.

Volunteers are requested to get in touch with Sgt. C. Teitel, The Golden Gate Guardian, (phone 3687) for an appointment. Transportation to and from the Blood Bank is furnished.



A recent group of blood donors that include members of the Wac Co. and artillerymen from K-6th and B-6th. (Photo by GGG.)



We recommend: "Song of Norway" at the Curran theater, an operetta based on the life of Grieg with metropolitan stars and the Ballet Russe.

"Tomorrow the World" at the Geary, is a thrilling drama about a lovable American family and a small Nazi boy they take into their household.

The Bush Street Music Hall at 960 Bush where the famous old 'mellerdrama, "The Drunkard" plays. The price of admission entitles you to 15 music hall acts plus free beer, coffee and eats.

The Opera House offers "The Widow" with the New York Opera Company headed by Jan Kiepura.

Golden Gate Revue

The Golden Gate is staging Louis Jordan his orchestra and revue, followed by Louis Armstrong and an all Sepia Show. Beginning August 2, Jimmy Dorsey and his orchestra will have something to say.

Stern Grove at 19th Ave. and Sloat Blvd. continues its season of

picnic concerts. Sun., July 23, the opera Rigoletto will be presented, and on the 30th an orchestral program with Walter Herbert. They are both free and worthwhile.

EM Ork

Enlisted men are invited to join the Monday evening's Service Men's Orchestra at 1830 Sutter, time, 1930. There are free movies and interesting travelogues at the San Francisco Museum of Art, on Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

If you prefer fresh air try the Polo games at Golden Gate Stadium every Sunday afternoon at 1430, or the double headers at Seal's Stadium Sunday at 1330 and 2015.

Save your money for future dates with Carmen Cavallaro and orchestra opening in Peacock Court, Hotel Mark Hopkins July 18; "Star Time" opening July 24 at the Curran with the De Marco's, Lou Holtz, Benny Fields and the Berry Bros; "Good Night Ladies" at the Geary July 31—this is the one that has been keeping Chicago awake for a year.

We're Doing It

One of the most gratifying demonstrations of good sportsmanship to come out of the war originated in this command.

When it was discovered that blood plasma, the life to a dying man, was not being acquired in sufficient quantities in San Francisco last year, hundreds of soldiers and civilians in the Harbor Defenses pledged their willingness to donate a pint of their blood so that the men on the fighting lines might live.

Their pledges were kept and are being kept today, as the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco maintains its weekly quota at the San Francisco Blood Procurement Center.

They didn't have to give their blood. No one was cajoled or "talked into" going. Those that gave, did so without remuneration or other thought of personal gain—unless personal satisfaction in knowing that they have saved a life, can be so classified.

With the Yanks extending their fields of operation, many of whom are former artillerymen from these very fortifications, battle casualties mount. That is the reason that more and more blood is being delivered regularly in "mass deposits" from the command.

It's the sportsmanlike thing to do, and we're doing it.

The so-called (Army) 4-Fers are doing their part to win the war just as much as their more hearty comrades on the front lines. When a class 'A' goldbrick calls another service man a 4-Fer, he's displaying his own ignorance. Let's keep our razzing on a humorous basis and leave the 4-F business to the draft boards.

Camp White, Ore., Grenade

"The American flag—just a piece of cloth, that's all—until you put your soul into it and give it meaning. Then it is a symbol of liberty and decency, and fair-dealing for everyone. It is just a piece of cloth until we breathe life into it."

—Khaki Keynotes, Ft. Taylor, Fla.

"We'll land on Chinese soil before this war is over. As for when it will be over, I could make a million dollars if I knew."

—Adm. Thomas C. Hart

"Today bad times are behind us and tomorrow we can see victory ahead."

—Gen. Harold Alexander

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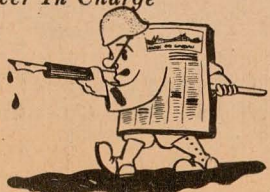
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Know Your Leaders

Admiral Chester Nimitz Nemesis of Nippon

By Pvt. Edward Wells

Since last fall things have been popping in the Central Pacific. By last February it was evident that Uncle Sam's Navy was throwing its weight around—

Kwajalein, key of the Marshalls, was won. Truk, heavily fortified bastion in the Carolines, was hit. And Saipan, our latest prize, has been wrested from the enemy.

These things don't just happen. There is an erect, sturdy, blue-eyed, white haired man behind all this—Admiral Chester Nimitz, whose official title is Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, "Cincpac" to Navy men.

A few days after Pearl Harbor "Cincpac" was appointed to his task. Quietly, and with more patience than most of us would have, he assembled our mightiest armada from the bottom of Pearl Harbor and shipyards throughout the nation.

When information came that the Nips had readied a knockout blow of our battered fleet, Nimitz met them at Midway on June 4, 1942. It was our first victory of the war. The Jap armada, which has been running ever since, was said to be one of the biggest assembled since Spain tried to take England in 1588.

For two years Nimitz had to fight a new type of war in our history—a defensive strategy. Even the operations in the Solomons, New Guinea and the Aleutians were of this nature. Now he is doing the job he likes in the best naval tradition, striking lethal offensive blows at the heart of Japan's phony empire.

Of all things, Admiral Nimitz is not an austere figure with a flair for dramatic dispatches and colorful habits. To his staff officers he is a man of sound judgement, healthy habits and an engaging personality.

Nimitz' interest in the Navy started in the Texas town of Fredericksburg, where his grandfather, an old sea captain, maintained the "Steamboat" Hotel, so-called because it was built like a ship. Young Chester Nimitz developed an intense liking for everything nautical, and grew up with the desire to become a tar.

Because he was proficient in mathematics at school, he was persuaded to take the examinations for West Point. Failing to receive an appointment to the military academy he took the competitive examinations for Annapolis. He was accepted to the Navy school and graduated in 1905.

Weighing only 150 pounds in his academy days, the only sport open to him was the crew. From the position of stroke on the fourth crew he advanced to the first crew in his last year pacing seven other men who outweighed him.

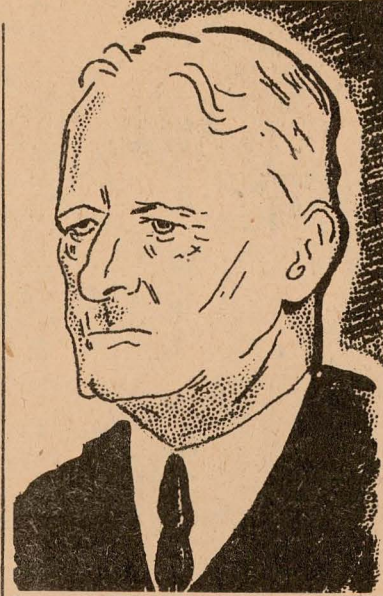
Even today Admiral Nimitz keeps physically alert with tennis, hikes and swimming. He sets a pace that is tiring to the youngest officers of his staff.

Chester Nimitz received his first command on a gunboat in the Philippines. Today he commands history's greatest fleet operating through 65,000,000 square miles of water.

In 1913 Nimitz, who was always interested in motors and engines, was sent to Germany to make further studies of the Diesel engine for the Navy. On his return he installed a Diesel on the first American naval vessel, then shipped on as chief engineer.

During the last war he was in command of an Atlantic submarine force.

Donate your blood today—save a soldier's life tomorrow.



'Y' Variety Show Features Opening Of Mendell Center

Featuring a variety show from the Presidio YMCA under the direction of Mr. Delvin Vincent, the Mendell Service Club was reopened last Tuesday night, July 18, with many artillerymen on hand to "break in" the club's many facilities.

Arrangements for the opening were made by Capt. Jim Hardy, BC of K-6th, and Mrs. Josephine Everett, Army Hostess, who will direct activities of both the Mendell and Cronkhite Service Clubs.

Various types and styles of furniture have been obtained and upholstered for use in the club. The floor has been resurfaced, a small kitchen added, a 350-book library made available and a combination record-player with newest discs purchased.

In addition to services of Mrs. Everett, a corps of Red Cross volunteer aides from Sausalito and Marin County will serve as hostesses. The club will be open from 1730 to 2230 daily, and from 1300 to 2230 on Sundays.

The club will be closed Friday nights to allow men to go to dances Mrs. Everett announced.

A FIND

Queer things that pass in the type: "FOUND. In front of Presidio Post Office, upper denture. Owner may claim by calling at Post Office." (Notice in Presidio DM, 26 June 1943.)



By Chaplain C. R. Culpeper

I have always taken a great interest in the great organization, Boy Scouts of America. A program of boy development to try to teach boys to take things that tend to produce men. One such idea is the individual responsibility. Boys learn to accept responsibility they will tend when they are men. Scouting this into words when it says "Every boy should be his policeman."

If that one idea could be carried into life and men, especially men in the service, would take it to heart, it would solve most of our most difficult problems. If we could only do the thing we know is right without having to be told or made to do so. If we could only take our own good heads and use them for what the Lord intended it would save many a bump or burn.

Jesus spoke long ago of how, "the Kingdom of God is within you" and no greater truth was ever spoken. With the help of God there is no reason why it should not be a joy and a privilege to become our own M.P.'s and not only keep out of trouble—but keep the traffic headed in the proper direction.

'Sticky' Incendiary Bomb Developed by Chemists

A new incendiary bomb containing jellied gasoline that sticks to the target and is set afire has been developed by the Chemical Research Service, according to a report from the American Legion.

The new chemical may be dropped from a bomber in clusters of 60, which break off into individual bombs as they leave the plane.

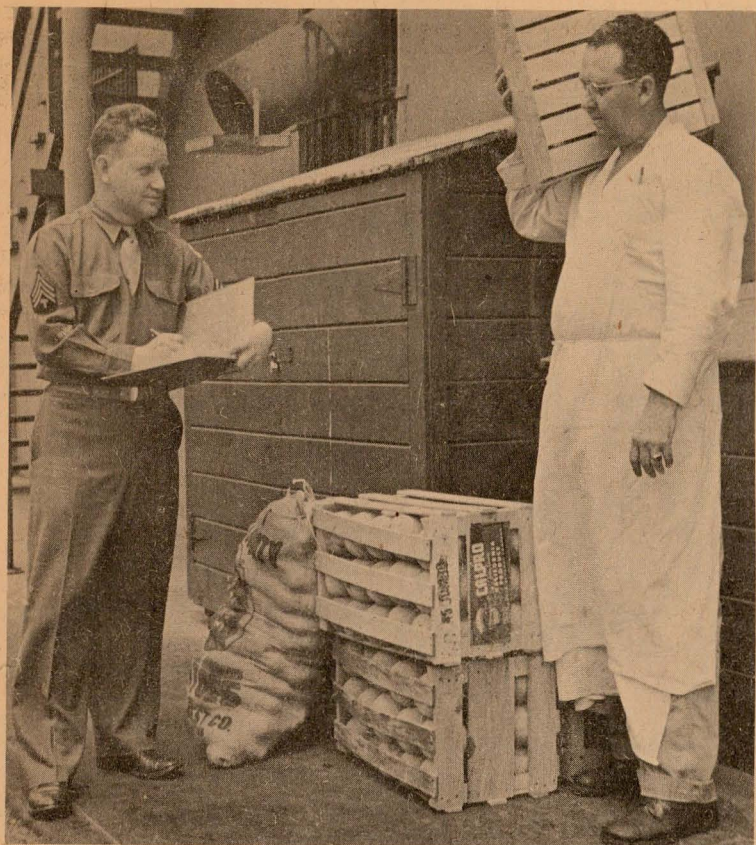
NO GAG AFTER ALL

A harsh note from the HDSF medics still has the GGG staff reeling. Picture of a former Bronx boxer appeared on page 10 of the June 24 issue, peeling potatoes in a mop bucket.

"Yow!" yelled the medic. "Want us to get skinned? Don't you dumb clucks know that we don't allow dogfaces to dump spuds into a mop bucket? Clear us of this thing. Run a retraction . . . please!"

Okay. This is a retraction. Honestly, gentlemen, it was strictly a gag shot. We'll see that it doesn't happen again. In fact there won't even be a page 10 for sometime to come.





AFTER HELPING to construct airfields under Jap fire in the South Pacific, checking over food stuffs for the Scott PX Grill is a bit on the inactive side for T-4 Marvin Shook, manager of the grill. The lad with the sack of vittles is T-5 David Gallaher.

South Pacific 'Tank Farmer' Manages Fort Scott Grill

"Island hopper" is a name that can well be applied to T-4 Marvin L. Shook, Hq-SCU, who served in the South Pacific with a pioneer task force unit of jungle architects. Their main job was to build island air bases and supply depots on the double.

This outfit was really rugged. The men not only learned to deal with the enemy, but also took in stride the constant menace of the diseased, sweat infested hunks of jungle that must be conquered and converted into airfields and bases.

Sergeant Shook says there are no time clocks on these jobs. Everyone works like hell to get the job completed and no one even takes a break for air raids. These bases had to be built. And on time.

Native Help

"Sometimes as many as a 1,000 natives would pitch in so the job could be completed on time," Shook said. "These bases were the vital link plasma strengthening, supplying and revitalizing the Pacific circuit. The strategy of establishing these aeronautical fields on the islands of Tongareva, Bora Bora and Aitutaki contributed largely to our decisive victory in the battle of the Coral Sea, we have been told."

T-4 Shook's principal assignment was constructing "tank farms" for aeroplane gas and building gasoline dumps. He liked particularly the island of Aitutaki and describes it as a very beautiful small island about 8 miles long, 2 miles wide. There is a native population numbering around 3,500—4 women to every man.

Sadie Hawkins

"The marriage customs of the natives are unique. When a girl makes up her mind, which is at an early age, she picks herself a nice

Scott Firemen Help Put Out Presidio Blaze

Credit for preventing the spread of a fire which destroyed a Signal warehouse at the Presidio recently has been given to the Fort Scott firemen by San Francisco fire authorities.

The Scott fire appatus, under the direction of William Van Dervort, played streams of water on the wall which separated the warehouse from immense stores of equipment at the Crissy Motor Pool.

Other firemen on the job included Joe Madden, George Shimanian, Arnold Krinsk, Harold Drummond and Sgt. Glenn Goodwin.

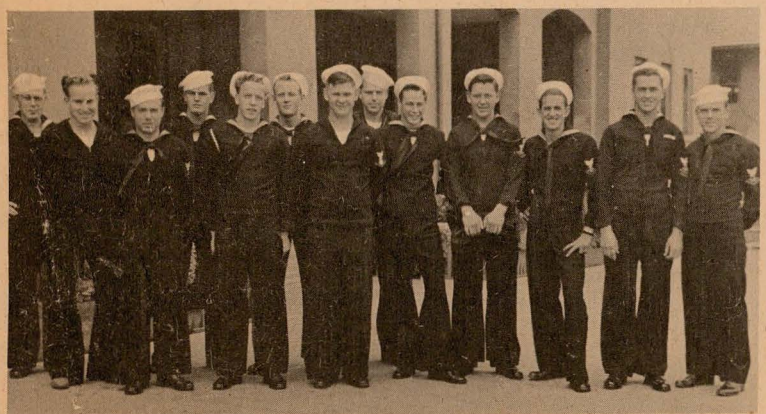
RUGGED TRAINING

Pvt. Johnnie L. Smith of Camp Crowder, Mo., recently took a weekend pass to go on a 14-mile hike with a Boy Scout troupe.

young man around 14 or 15 years of age. They keep company for 4 or 5 years and after 2 or 3 children have been born the marriage ceremony takes place," revealed the "GI See-bee."

"Five days of feasting and dancing is a rather conservative estimate on these native matrimonial bang ups and no one starts singing "Show Me the Way to Go Home" until the last man drops from sheer exhaustion. The program of dancing includes such numbers as the hula and a bit of rockin' jive called hot stone."

Shook now manages the Scott PX Grill.



FORT SCOTT SAILORS line up outside their barracks just before taking off for the Blood Bank. The tars have pledged blood donors every week.



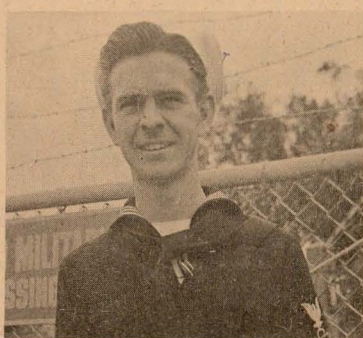
Do you honestly believe every soldier should take advantage of the opportunity afforded him at the voting polls?

—Photos by GGG.



Pvt. Julian Ramirez, Miley

Absolutely. We have a right to express our views the same as anyone, and we should help make a presidential choice this fall.



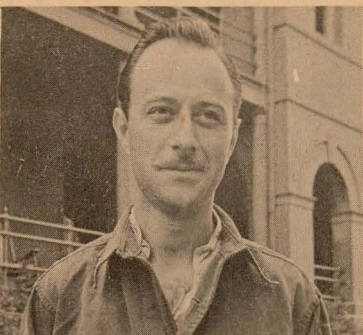
W. D. Garrison, Som H 3/c, Miley

To vote is the democratic way. If we didn't we would have a dictatorship.



Pfc Clorine McCoy, Baker Medics

Men and women in the service should take advantage of their voting opportunity.



Pvt. Richard Lucas, Baker

As a citizen, every soldier should express his political beliefs.



Pfc Bernard Lundy, Baker

The soldier that neglects to place his vote at the polls neglects his duty as a soldier and citizen.

WINGS

Did you know that the fastest walker in the United Army is not in the infantry? He is Sgt. Jack Powell of the Air Force, who recently walked half a mile in 3 minutes, 2 seconds.

'All Is Well,' Next USO Show

WHAT, ALREADY?

Designation of the 30-day period between Sept. 15 and Oct. 15 as "Christmas Mail Month" for overseas soldiers has been announced by the Army Postal Service through a War Department release received here.

During this period, Christmas packages may be mailed overseas without the presentation of a request from the soldier. They are limited to 5 pounds in weight, 15 inches in length and 36 in length and girth combined.

Only one package from the same person to the same soldier will be accepted during one week. Perishable articles will not be accepted.

GI Bill of Rights Benefits Outlined

Here—in a nutshell—is what servicemen may derive from the \$6,000,000,000 GI Bill of Rights, which was recently passed by both Houses of Congress.

EDUCATION: A maximum of four years educational aid for servicemen who joined the armed forces before they were 25 years old. Five hundred dollars yearly will be provided for tuition, plus subsistence allowances of \$50 a month for single and \$75 a month for married veterans.

LOANS: A government guarantee of 50 per cent (although not more than \$2,000) on loans for the purchase of farms, small businesses and homes. These loans will bear the low rate of four per cent interest.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION: Every veteran is entitled to 52 weeks unemployment compensation in the two years following his discharge at the rate of \$20 a week.

JOBS: Veterans job placement remains in the United States Employment Service, but Brig. Gen. Frank T. Hines, head of the Veterans Administration, is given authority to see that the program works and that veterans actually are given preference in the search for jobs.

OTHER BENEFITS: Hospitalization, review of improper discharges, aid by veterans' organizations among men in Army and Navy hospitals awaiting discharges.

No person in the service shall be required to sign any statement concerning a disability or waiver before discharge.

Figures Released On Padres in Action

The War Department recently released the following facts and figures about the Chaplain's Corps of the United States Army:

On May 31, 1944, there were 7,504 chaplains on duty with the U. S. Army and Air Forces. Of this number 24 have been killed in battle or are missing; 39 have died from accidents or illness; 31 have been wounded and 33 detained by the enemy.

Chaplains decorated for bravery total 114, and of that number is Capt. Charles Culpepper, Protestant Chaplain at Fort Scott, who in 1942 received the Soldier's Medal for rescuing a drowning soldier in Alaska.

Only the Air Corps and Infantry have had a higher percentage of casualties than the Chaplain's Corps.

MORE STOGIES

There's good news today for cigar-smoking soldiers. According to the Cigar Institute, an additional 32,000,000 cigars will be withdrawn from the civilian trade each month. These extra cigars will be added to the 59,000,000 already being sent to the armed forces each month.

An hour of fun comes to the Fort Scott and sub-posts theaters the coming week with the variety show, "All Is Well," presented by USO Camp-Shows, Inc.

The billing is shared by noted vaudeville troupers, among whom are listed a comedy team, a fancy dancing trio with beautiful damsels, comedy acrobats, feminine singing trio and a novelty xylophone and puppet act.

From Hollywood comes the antics and patter of Marty Collins and Harry Peterson.

Spinning two winsome charmers on his shoulders, Johnny Pastime climaxes a peppy dancing act.

Emmett Oldfield and Co. represents exactly two people, who flip and flop around to delight an audience that likes to see men take chances with their necks.

Solid and sweet are the offerings of the Three Kayne Sisters, who have done some fancy warbling for Ted Lewis and other name bands.

The act destined to please everyone, young and old, is the Tyler and St. Clair performance with xylophone and puppets.

Miss Patricia Floyd has been billed as "musical conductor."

The first performance is at the Fort Baker theater, Aug. 1, followed by an appearance at the Fort Barry theater, Aug. 2, and ending the three day HDSF stand at Fort Scott theater, Aug. 3.



Jane Withers takes to HDSF-er.

Steve's Pleasure Gets Pin-up For Mistake

Mistaken identity brought pleasure to T-4 Steve Sedlak of the HDSF sergeant major's office recently.

While attending special doings at the Civic Center, Steve was delighted to see a former child star seated in an automobile. Even though she had grown into a glamour movie-starlet, Steve knew her immediately "by her dimples." He dashed over.

"Excuse me, Miss Shirley Temple, would you please give me your autograph?" the flustered good looking sergeant asked.

"But, sergeant," the cute young thing replied, "I am not Shirley Temple—I am Jane Withers."

After the erring GI mumbled apologies, Miss Withers not only gave him an autograph, but a pin-up of herself besides. Steve is said to have a way about him.

MAJOR TO TOPKICK

Recently William B. Darnell, of Fort Dix, N. J., was honorably discharged as a major because he was overage. The next day he re-enlisted as a first sergeant at the same post.

Alcatraz 'Rock' One of First S. F. Harbor Fortifications

Alcatraz, the tiny rock-island jutting out of the San Francisco bay which Harbor Defense soldiers see everyday, was originally one of the first military posts in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco before becoming the federal penitentiary that it is today.

The isle, named by the Spanish "Isla de los Alcatrazes" or "Isle of Pelicans," was founded in August, 1775, by Ayala in the name of Mexico.

Spaniards explored the bay and named many other points in the vicinity of present-day San Francisco, but Alcatraz and Angel Islands to the north are probably the only two that retain the names originally given them by Ayala's party.

Sold to Fremont

The tiny island passed into the hands of a certain Julian Workman who gained the island by "loaning" funds to a bankrupt Mexican governor of California. Workman later passed the title to his son-in-law, who in turn sold it to Gen. John C. Fremont of the U. S. Government in 1849 for \$5,000.

An act of Congress in March, 1853, provided that \$500,000 should be spent for the harbor defenses at San Francisco. This was later increased to \$850,000, and provided for batteries at Fort Point and Lime Point, now part of Fort Baker, as well as one for Alcatraz Island.

Alcatraz Defense

The two points at the Golden Gate were to form the first line of defense, with a second line composed of batteries on Angel and Alcatraz Islands, and Fort Mason on the mainland.

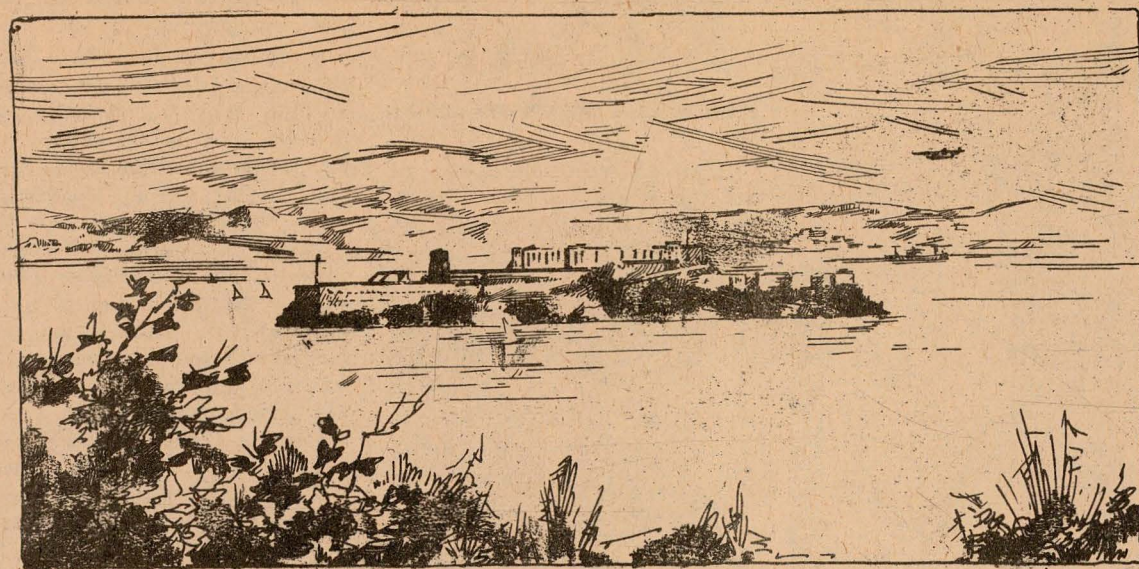
The potential enemy consisted of wooden sailing ships, mounted with "muzzle loaders," or guns where the powder and round shot were shoved in through the mouth of the cannon.

Russian adventurers used to slip into the bay by hugging the north shore of the Golden Gate, just out of range of the guns of Fort San Joaquin on the opposite shore.

Army Takes Over

The Army took over actual fortification of Alcatraz in July, 1853. Sloping sides of the island were blasted away to the perpendicular, and defense ditches were dug at more vulnerable spots.

Antedating the Civil War, the Alcatraz defense measures are now long since obsolete, but in



The Isle of Alcatraz as seen from Fort Scott.

their day they represented the best that engineering skill could produce.

The landing quay at Alcatraz was constructed on the northeast front of the island, where Harbor Defense soldiers see it today.

Three Batteries

Three main batteries were established on Alcatraz, each having anywhere from 16 to 40 cannons. These were so arranged that one battery commanded the entrance to the Golden Gate, and the other two guarded ship channels on either side of the isle.

On the crest of the island a citadel, or fortified barracks was erected and so placed that it could command

the entire island with musketry fire.

Alcatraz' importance as a harbor defense reservation diminished until in March, 1907, it was designated a U. S. Military Prison. In 1933 it passed into the hands of the Dept. of Justice, under whose jurisdiction it functions today as an "impregnable prison" for some of the nation's most notorious criminals.

The Island of Alcatraz is three miles "in" from the Golden Gate and is about 1½ miles from the nearest landing point in the City of San Francisco. About 12 acres in area and 130 feet in height, it is in fact a "rock" that juts out of the bay. The rock is a soft,

crumbly stone, unsuitable for building purposes.

Materials used in building the original fortifications were brick, brought from Marin County; stone, from Angel and Yerba Buena Islands; and granite, from China and Monterey.

Water is brought from the mainland in barges.

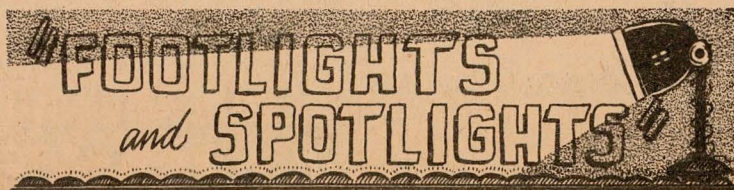
Lying directly behind the opening between the headlands that form the Golden Gate, Alcatraz forms a natural beacon for ships entering the harbor from the Pacific. The Alcatraz Light, visible for 21 miles at sea, was the first lighthouse placed in service in the San Francisco Bay, 1854.

Post-War Job Shift Coming, Survey Shows

A post-war job shift by 27 per cent of the men in the Army, based on a representative cross-section visit of USO clubhouses in the United States, is indicated in the post-war planning section survey recently completed by the War Department, National Opinion Research Center and USO.

Nearly one-half of the men interviewed said they would return to their former type of work, the report added, and 15 per cent expected to go to college.

The survey indicated that 72 per cent of the soldiers interviewed are not worried about finding a good job after the war, and about 24 per cent are "somewhat worried" or "very worried." About half of them have been promised their old jobs, or expect to have their own businesses.



By T-5 Jason Meyer

Tommy Dorsey sets new band grossing record . . . will net \$1,000,000 (about \$100,000 for his own pocket) in 1944. Plans to make Hollywood the recording center are being formulated.

Fredric March (Adventures of Mark Twain) to make new picture entitled, "Tomorrow The World" . . . Script writers are no longer willing to write free material for overseas bound stars . . . writers contend stars can afford to pay for acts . . . Humphrey Bogart said "No!" to part offered him in

"God Is My Pilot."

Walter Winchell was recently given an award by American Newspaper Guild . . . it was his 20th anniversary in the newspaper business . . . Bob Hope sold \$1,750,000 worth of War Bonds in exactly one minute in Pasadena.

Veronica Lake in Boston Gardens on a Bond selling tour was heckled by a patron in the balcony who wanted her to speak louder . . . said she: "Who are you, a bobby soxer?" . . . said he: "No!" . . . said she: "Who do you think you're listening to—Frank Sinatra!" . . . Benny Goodman just completed recording tunes for the Walt Disney film, "Swing Street."

Nation-wide USO audition campaign has been under way to try to ease lack of good talent being shown to GI's . . . Joke shows giving way to situation programs . . . Fibber-McGee style of comedy is now preferred instead of just gag-after-gag show . . . those who know say joke programs have already picked Joe Miller clean.

Crosby and Sinatra embracing each other? . . . it's true . . . Event took place at recent Command Performance broadcast for Army. Where favorite bands are now playing: Charlie Spivak, Detroit; Freddie Slack, Hollywood; Sammy Kaye, New York; Jimmy Dorsey, Hollywood; Johnny Long, New Orleans; Woody Herman, Chicago . . . Incidentally, up and coming band is Stan Kenton outfit . . . they were on Hope show during past season . . . "Life of Tom Mix" to be made into picture soon.

Dorsey brothers and Phil Harris contemplating buying the Casino Gardens Ballroom in Santa Monica . . . Milton Berle's radio show revamped . . . instead of audience participation type, is changing over to more variety . . . Hedy LaMarr and Paul Lukas will be seen in "Experiment Perilous" . . . Bob Crosby now lieutenant in Marines.

Voting Information for Soldier Fully Explained

Here's what you have to do if you're going to vote in the national elections this fall, according to CNS:

First, you're going to get a regulation post-card application for a state absentee ballot. Fill it out, get it witnessed by some officer or

sergeant in your outfit and send it off to the secretary of state of your home state.

By return mail you will get a ballot from home, probably a regular state absentee ballot. Dates and details for voting in states may vary, but they may be checked by

consulting WD Solding Voting Poster 2, which soon will be posted.

After receiving the ballot, mark it and mail it back to your state capital again.

One thing to make sure about is your eligibility to vote. Find out, for instance, whether the state you come from permits absentee voting, voting by Federal ballot or whether you have to pay poll tax. If you're from Georgia, you can vote if you are 18 or over, but in all other states you've got to be 21. GI's from Washington, D. C., can't vote at all.

In 36 states, simply sending in an application or voting ballot is enough for registration, but you have to write home for special voting instruction if you hail from Arizona, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Montana, New Jersey, South Carolina, and West Virginia.

Be sure to give the secretary of state your full name, serial number, military unit and APO, if any. Also tell him how long you have lived in your home state, what your home address was and the number of your voting district, if you can recall it.

If you still are all bawled up, consult the Soldier Voting Officer, Lt. John Crilly at Post Hq., Fort Scott, Room 26, phone 3825.



"Anna and the King of Siam," by Margaret Landon, is the fantastic true story of a Singapore school marm who entered the service of Gilbert & Sullivan's King of Siam. Anna taught English to some of his hundreds of children and 9,000 harem gals. She also read Uncle Tom's Cabin to the Siamese slaves. A number still sign themselves Harriet Beecher Stowe Siam.

"Daybreak For Our Carrier," by Lieut. Max Miller, USNR, with 41 photographs by Lt. Charles E. Kerlee, sets down and shows the whole feel of life at sea on one of our great aircraft carriers on task force duty. It is a thrilling and authentic record.

"Peter Domanig," by Victor White, is one of the great new novels written in the best continental tradition. It is the story of Vienna and illegitimate complexed Peter who nearly becomes a Hitler. The author does for Vienna what Romaine, Du Gard and Celine have done for Paris.

"Goodbye, Mr. Chippendale," by T. H. Robejohn-Gibbings, with drawings by Mary Patty, is a gay expose of all the skeletons in the closets of antique collectors, a cavalcade of Chippendale, Hepplewhite and Sharraton in the best New Yorker style. The only thing it lacks is a foreword by Bea Lillie.

"The Fountainhead," by Ayn Rand, tells of life and loves among the architects and while their blueprints may not be yours, it is a dramatic and exciting novel. It also manages to disclose a revealing characterization of inherent viciousness clothed in apparently benign humanitarianism.

THE LOST BATTALION

By T-4 R. E. Olson

The day of fasting is over, the PX lunch room is back to normal, in short—our first day of 'C' rations is now a memory. T-4 Boyd Ring, that connoisseur of ptomaine delights, was slightly bowled over when WAC



Lt. Jean Holzhauser presented herself at dinner. The lieutenant stuck right to those rations when out in the field with the rest of the boys. We say that Lieutenant Holzhauser is strictly okay with us.

Hq. Btry. played host at a hot party at the Baker Service Club Saturday. A floor show, free beer, a buffet supper and an evening of dancing was on the schedule. The WAC detachment were our guests as well as civilian girl friends and wives of the battery men.

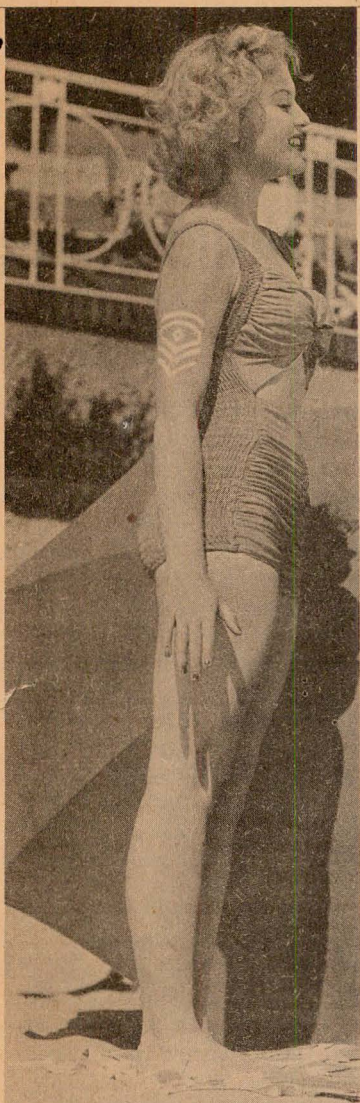
Robert R. Colley is happily at home on board a mine planter. We have it on good authority that when he threw his first seagoing pie overboard, he fouled the propellers. So far, his sea-legs have looked only like the result of a bad night to us.

With blazing new Pfc chevrons C. J. Clopper, Jess Haigler, and Ancil Hayes are the bright lights of the organization. By the way, we hope Pfc Hayes recovers quickly from the illness which confines him to the Fort Baker Hospital.

Imagine Pfc Haigler's surprise when he found out the car load of GI's he saluted through the Baker Gate did not harbor one officer. A soldier turned to an obscure figure in the rear seat and said "OK, Sir?" whereupon our MP saluted smartly. (P.S. He thought his way through their trick however, and on their return trip, he had each man dismount and show his pass.



Offspring of "Babe," the Great Dane of B-6th C. A., nestle close to a GI on guard. (Photo by Pvt. Kenneth Strelow, medics.)



ON YOU IT LOOKS GOOD. That's what we say about inverted top kick chevrons on the flowing form of Universal's Elaine Morey. She rates a salute from . . .

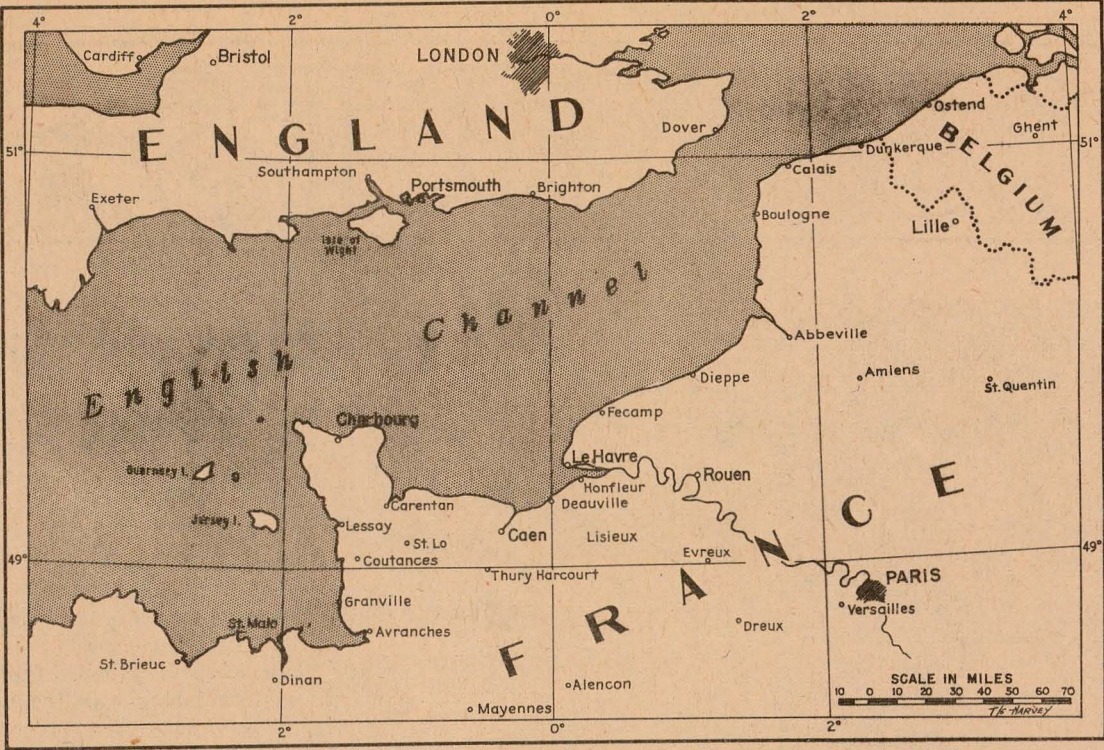
Grant First General; Ranked Washington

Anyone looking over the list of generals and lieutenant generals who have made American military history are apt to be surprised when they read Ulysses S. Grant's name heading the list of four-star brass, while George Washington heads the lieutenant generals.

It seems that the office of 'general' under the present form of government was first established and approved March 3, 1799, while Washington was holding the rank of lieutenant general. This act provided that "a commander of the Army of the United States shall be appointed and commissioned by the style of "general of the armies of the United States," and that the present office and title of lieutenant general shall be abolished."

While the purpose of this legislation was undoubtedly to confer the title of general upon Washington, no record has been found to show that this appointment was ever made, so in military protocol it's Grant over Washington.

How It's Going



Yanks are battling at the outskirts of Lessay in Normandy, as The GGG goes to press. Reports intimate that the Heinies have evacuated the city. Montgomery's British and Canadian troops are securing their position around Caen for a possible heavy drive along the coast. Heavy troop concentrations are being landed by both the Yanks and Tommies with Paris 120 miles from the Caen sector. The present line can be roughly drawn from Lessay to St. Lo, also under seige, to Caen. An exclusive Golden Gate Guardian map drawn by T-5 James Harvey of the HDSF Plans and Projects office, it is the first in a series of features to show the soldiers of these fortifications "How It's Going!"

Zero Hour

"Waiting to be called up there gets on a guy's nerves," said Tyson.

"Take it easy, chum, after all you're not the only gun in this thing. The zero hour is almost on hand," his buddy reassured the alerted soldier.

"Three light taps is the signal, isn't it?"

"Sure, how many times must I tell you? Don't get so nervous. You're not the key man in this show you know."

"Okay, George. But a person can't help but feel jittery at a time like this."

"Others go through with the job without so much as a whimper. Why do you have to make so much fuss?"

"You're not too calm yourself, pal. You keep looking at your watch like a chicken picking up seed."

"Any second now. Are you ready?"

"Uh, huh."

Came the three taps.

With a sudden surge, Tyson bounded toward his objective, followed closely by George. Panting and nervous, Tyson drew up before the altar. George was more calm beside him.

It was a dramatic highlight in the wedding of George Walden last week at the Fort Scott chapel. Rowe Tyson was best man.



By Sgt. Tom Crooks

USAFI Aid Toward High School Grad

In the same way that the United States Armed Forces Institute, the Army's "mail-order college," helps a man continue his college career, so does it help the man who wants to complete his high school education.

The same 82 colleges who offer special USAFI courses for soldiers also have certain courses available for credit toward high school degrees, including art, aviation, building, business, chemistry, economics, engineering, English, geography, government, health education, history, home economics, languages, mathematics, psychology, science, sociology, blacksmithing, penmanship, photography, roof framing and woodwork.

In order to insure credit for courses taken in USAFI, the soldier should write to the principal of his home town high school, telling him about the Army Institute and university correspondence study, and asking him to suggest the courses he might take for high school credit.

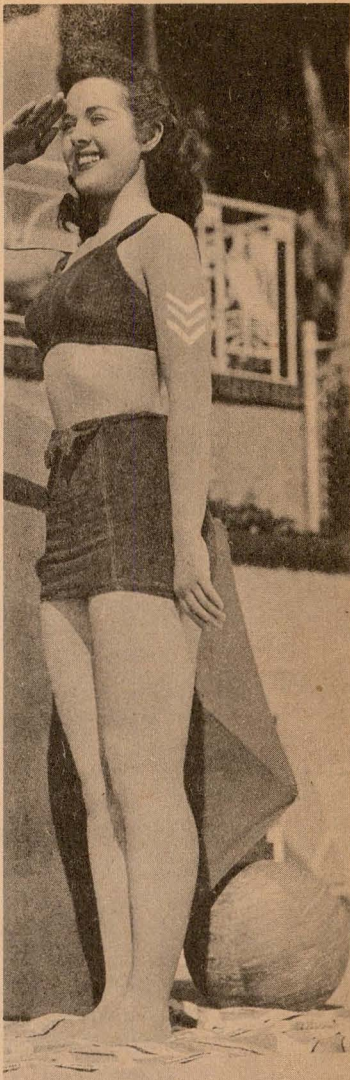
The cost for enrolling in the USAFI is \$2. After selecting a college with which to receive special courses, the USAFI will bear one half the text and tuition fee up to \$20. No matter how many courses a soldier takes under the USAFI, the \$2 enrollment fee will not have to be paid again.

Snazzy Hollywood Dormitory Open to Visiting GI's

Featuring a dormitory with sleeping accommodations for 300 servicemen visiting the Los Angeles area every Saturday evening, the new summer activity schedule for the Service Club of the Temple Israel of Hollywood, Calif., has been outlined.

Summer activities will include regular Saturday Night Parties from 1930 to 2400 with dancing, novel entertainment, refreshments and games. Open House is held every Sunday from 1300 to 2200.

The club is situated at 1740 N. Ivar St., Hollywood.



'SARGE' PEGGY MORAN, another Universal eye-full. We never knew the hand salute could inspire such a vision.

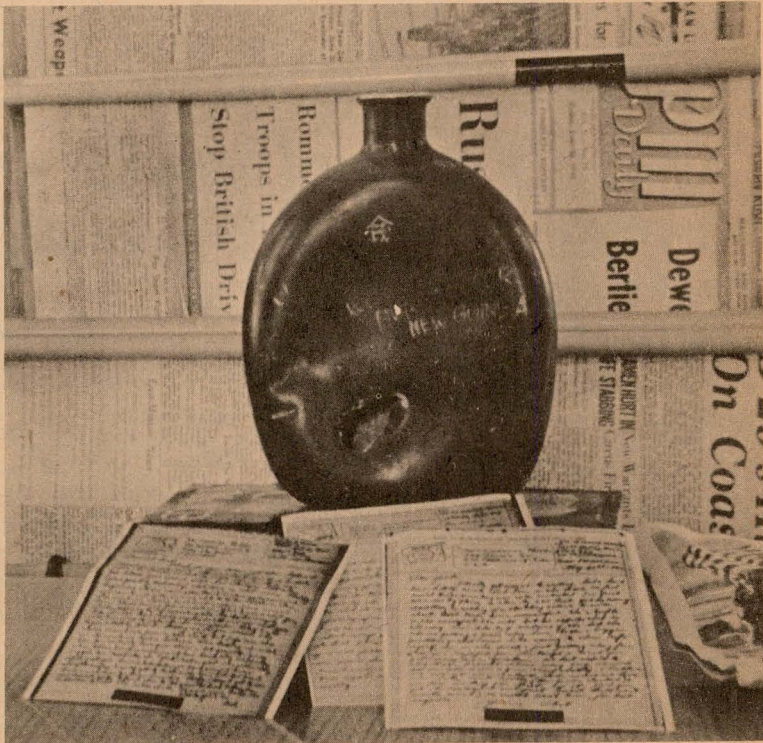
really appreciated by this dogface. Sure gave me a feeling of nostalgia to read all about those familiar names and places. My home is just a short ways from Fort Scott, and how I would like to be hopping the fence right now."

Pfc Robert Cantor another subscriber to the GGG sends his news from New Guinea: "Moved once more by LST boat. Our trip ended with a little excitement. While disembarking, some Jap planes came around with bad intentions, but they were quickly disposed of, shot down, so that was a happy beginning at our new site. There are bomb craters galore around and we are able to take baths in them. Said bomb craters were caused by our planes during Jap occupations."

Pfc Irving La Musga who is doing an infantryman's job in the Marshall Islands writes: "... that these boys who travel on their stomachs are going to have those yellow-bellies crawling on theirs all the way to Tokyo before this war is over."



Cosmoline!



FROM PFC BOB CANTOR, New Guinea fighter and GGG 'subscriber,' came this canteen taken off a dead Jap. The only comment Bob makes about it is, "... the Nip didn't mind me taking the canteen. The hole shown was made by a .30 slug, and you can just about tell where the bugger got hit." (Photo by GGG.)

'K' Wins HDSF Softball Title; 'I' Nabs Pennant

Lewandowski Hurls Win Over Viviano

Culminating one of the most concentrated drives in the history of HDSF softball competition, K-6th of Mendell, Fort Barry, all but had the championship trophy in their hands this week after completing their season by stopping their arch rivals, H-6th, 14 to 4, and then edging C-6th, 6 to 2, to wind up undefeated.

'H' Battery, runners-up for the HDSF title last season, were sadly off form as Cpl. Max Lewandowski outsmarted them time and time again on the mound, and the Mendell batters, led by the seemingly invincible Cpl. Ted Lipczynski who smacked a homer and two doubles, had little trouble hitting the offerings of Cpl. Tony Viviano.

Viviano was shelled from the mound in the late innings, giving way to Sgt. Lewis Ryan, but the damage had been done. In addition to Lipczynski hitting his four-bagger, McLaughlin clouted a round-tripper, while Mazur slammed a triple, and Brooks a double.

'H' Battery's extra base knocks were credited to Catcher Lauridson who got a triple and Viviano who doubled.

Lipczynski was heavy hitter, getting three for five and scoring three runs. McLaughlin and Luplow each collected two hits. Viviano topped 'H' with two for two.

Four-Hitter

Lewandowski again hurled the Mendell team to their win over C-6th of Fort Funston, 6 to 2. He limited the Funston team to four hits, while his mates were getting to Lowen for eight safeties, including a home run by Cpl. Joe Mazur. Miller hit a double for the losers.

T-5 Earnest Oliver turned in a neat one-hit, no-run masterpiece for D-6th, Fort Miley, as his mates shut out A-6th, Fort Scott, 7 to 0.

Ketchmer, 'A' centerfielder, was the sole batter to reach first on a hit off Oliver. Two errors, combined with five 'D' Battery hits, provided the winning margin.

In the only other game played, H-6th, Fort Barry, somewhat atoned for its lose to 'K' by measuring B-6th, Fort Scott, 3 to 1.

The contest was an exciting pitcher's duel between Viviano and Sansom. 'B' collected but three hits off Viviano while the Barry softballers got to Sansom for seven.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Tear	Won	Lost	Pct.
K-6th	8	0	1.000
D-6th	3	1	.750
Hq-6th	5	3	.625
Navy	3	3	.500
H-6th	2	3	.400
A-6th	2	4	.333
C-6th	1	2	.333
11th CAMP	1	4	.100
B-6th	0	5	.000

Mendell Ten Slips By San Rafael Team, 4 to 2

Featuring 14 strikeouts by Cpl. Max Lewandowski and timely hitting of Sgt. Wally Erdman, the softball ten of K-6th, Fort Barry, was extended to win a close 4 to 2 decision from the Pinza team of San Rafael last week under the lights.

The Mendell outfit was off to an early lead, scoring two runs in the first inning, and adding the other two in the third on an important two-base hit by Erdman.

Pinza staged a thrilling rally in the final frame, scoring two runs before Lewandowski pitched himself out of the hole.

	R	H	E
K-6th	4	8	1
Pinza	2	3	0

Lewandowski and McFarland; Leitz and Miller.



SGT. LEWIS RYAN, substitute pitcher for H-6th who relieved Cpl. Tony Viviano on the mound, drives the ball down the third-base line to the "hot corner" where Pvt. Roger Cooper of K-6th waits for it. Cooper threw him out, too, and his Mendell mates blasted 'H,' 14 to 4. (Photo by GGG.)

Harbor Defense Ball Club Lineup Announced; Rowland New Manager

A tentative lineup for the baseball club that will represent the Harbor Defenses in the Western States ball tournament for the Ninth Service Command championship has been announced by Pfc Maynard Rowland, new manager of the team, who has taken over reigns after 1st Sgt. Clodeon Adkins left for OCS.

The lineup is composed primarily of athletes from I-6th which won the HDSF tournament last week, but Sgt. Monk Wade of A-6th, Fort Scott, managed to break into the lineup at shortstop. The mound staff is headed by T-4 Ralph "Speedy" Hund, S/Sgt. Joe Grinus, both of I-6th; Pvt. Don Weber, E-6th; Sgt. Carrol Oswald, F-6th; and T-5 John Graves, Mine Flotilla.

The remainder of the team tentatively includes Rowland as catcher-manager; T-5 John Stosky, 1b; Pfc Paul Berzonsky, 2b; Pfc Howard Kafer, 3b; Sgt. Ray Smith, rf; Sgt. Joe Fernandez, lf; and Cpl. Norman Hibbard, cf.

Alternates who may eventually break into the first string battery include Sgt. Ed Hooven, F-6th,

First Week Net Play Postponed

Harbor Defense tennis received a severe jolt last week when both scheduled match-plays in the first week of play in the HDSF net tournament were postponed—one because of the weather and the other because of military duties.

Athletic noncoms are reminded that the tennis schedule is flexible and if tennis teams cannot play on the date in the schedule they can phone 3755 and have it switched to another day.

Tennis racquets and tennis balls can be picked up either at the Scott gym or at the Baker theatre.

SUPER SUPERMAN

Cadet Eugene H. Harris of Chico, Calif., Army Air Field recently was chosen the finest physical specimen on post. A new post record of 1700 consecutive sit-ups was the deciding factor.

Chumney Hits But 'F' Loses, 8 to 5

Though pinch-hitter Pvt. Bill Chumney, F-6th baseballer, hit a home run and double, his team dropped a 8 to 5 melee to the Marinship team of Sausalito last week on the Fort Baker diamond.

Chumney poled his four-bagger in the seventh inning with the bases empty, but his two-base hit scored Sgt. Carrol Oswald in the ninth.

The Bakermen scored a single run in the first frame on a walk to Hovanec who stole second, an error enabling Linscott to get on base, and Palatier's hit which scored Hovanec. Another run raced home in the fourth on Carlson's hit, two sacrifices and a passed ball.

Marinship posted two runs in the first, one in the fifth and sixth, and four in the big seventh.

Chumney and Wallace topped the Baker team with two hits each. Sgt. Ed Hooven, the losing hurler, struck out nine batters, while Dawson of Marinship whiffed but three.

The winners were out-hit, nine to seven.

	R	H	E
Marinship	8	7	3
F-6th	5	9	5

Dawson and Toghol; Hooven, Scott and Palatier.

SCU Ball Club Jolted by Barry Lions By 11 to 0 Score; Three Homers Hit

Collecting a total of three home runs, the Lions of I-6th, Fort Barry, had little trouble blasting the Fort Scott SCU baseball team, 11 to 0, in a practice game last week on the Scott field.

Pvt. Earl Baker chucked five-hit ball for the Barrymen, while his mates were fattening their batting averages off two SCU hurlers. T-4 Ralph "Speedy" Hund, Cpl. Norman Hibbard and Sgt. Ray Smith each

Lions Whitewash Medics for Flag

Led by the two-hit hurling of S/Sgt. Joe Grinus and the booming bats of Cpl. Norman Hibbard and Pfc Paul Berzonsky, the I-6th baseball nine whitewashed the Scott Dispensary, 21 to 0, to assure itself of the Harbor Defense horsehide crown, Wed., July 5, at Fort Scott.

The contest, a seven-inning affair, found the Barry team pounding across six runs in the second frame, four more in the fourth, three in the fifth, one in the sixth and seven more in the seventh to sew up the championship.

Hibbard and Berzonsky each collected four hits and each scored four runs in the rout, with the former getting to pitcher Morrison for a triple and double. Sgt. Ray Smith hit for the circuit for 'I' in the fourth inning.

Wyant of 'I' and Felter of the Medics each were credited with two-base knocks. Keil got the only other hit for the losers.

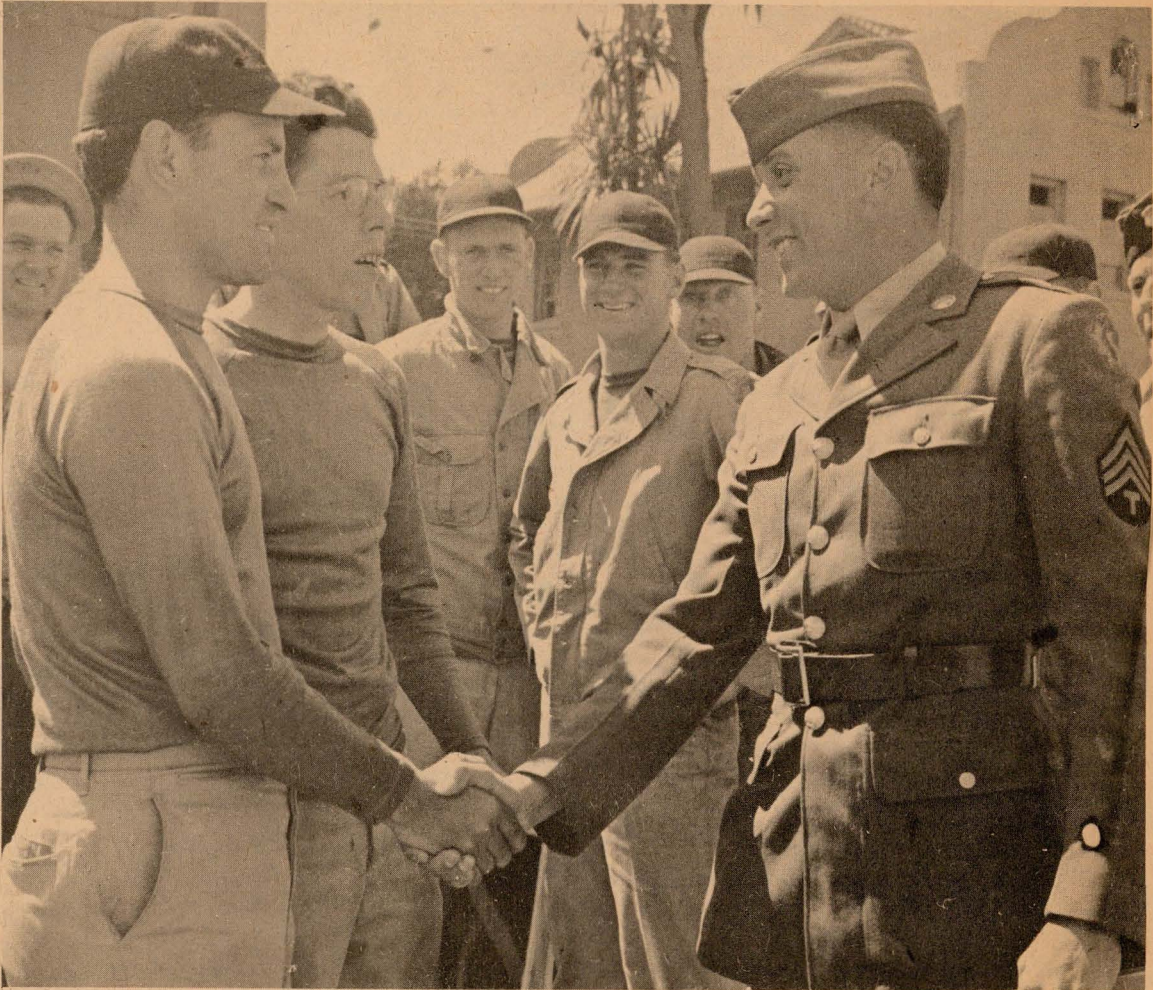
No other hardball games were played in the circuit during the two-week period.

	R.	H.	E.
I-6th	21	18	0
Dispensary	2	2	8

Grinus and Hibbard; Morrison, Bowes, Rossi and Finch.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
I-6th	6	0	1.000
F-6th	2	1	.667
Flotilla	2	2	.500
E-6th	1	1	.500
D-6th	1	2	.333
G-6th	0	3	.000
Dispensary	0	3	.000



THIS IS AN UNUSUAL PICTURE—Imagine 'K' and 'H' batterymen shaking hands! Cpl. Joe Mazur, of K-6th, left, receives the paw of T-4 Jean Bordenave, H-6th, after the Mendell team routed their arch rivals, 14 to 4. "We're still gonna beat you," Bordenave said after the gonfalon was over. The guy next to Mazur, T-5 Harry "Killer" Kane, 'K' battery's scorekeeper, looks like he doesn't quite believe it all. (Photo by GGG.)

Mikos

Worried? See P.A. Officer; Need \$\$\$? See Local ARC

When it comes to personal problems, soldiers are urged to take up their worries with the local Personal Affairs officer, but if it's a matter of money needed in an emergency the American Red Cross should be contacted, according to a recent announcement by the War Department made public by the American Legion.

Service personnel must not communicate with the Army Emergency Relief or Personal Affairs Divisions of either the Army Service Forces or the Army Air Forces direct. Local offices will take care of their needs.

Lt. Joseph Crilly, Personal Affairs officer for Fort Winfield Scott and sub-posts may be contacted at Room 26, post headquarters, Fort Scott, phone 3825.

Army Emergency Relief is being inactivated and its work taken over, increasingly, by the Red Cross.

Terpsichoristic

Kirby Soldier, Others Attend Dance Festival

Soldiers interested in the higher aspects of the dance and are experiencing dilemmas in regard to intricacies of the Circle Schottische, Tzygansky Tanyets or the Dashing White Sergeant, contact Pvt. Frank Meehan, G-6th C.A.

Should Frank happen to be out, call T-4 Steve Sedlack or Navyman Louis Moio. By any slip of the step if it happens all three do not answer, then it's 10 to 1 they have gone to the July festival of the California Folk Dance Federation in Golden Gate Park.

That's where they were at a recent Sunday dancing their passes away.

I AT BARRY

"Gawsh, I dood it!" was the cry of Cpl. Joseph Cichon a moment after he got the telegram from E. St. Louis, Ill., that he was the pa-pa of a 7-lb. 6-oz. daughter. The Corporal has been spending his hard-earned money like mad buying seegars for the occasion.

We don't know what this proves, but it has ben noted by underground agents that Pvt. Abelardo Lopez has



his wife help him off the street car. "Nuthin' like makin' the little squaw work and help out a tired soldier," Lopez says.

Sgt. Jack Bosi is reportedly in bad graces with the battery for failing to bring back a lion from Hollywood on his last furlough. It seems some people believe the baseball team would be winning more games if they had their mascot along like in the old days.

Yearning to see action was the ambition of Cpl. Harry Peterson, one of the original battery veterans. His dream finally materialized last week when he shined his buttons, put a high gloss on his shoes and took off for infantry training at Camp Butner, N. C.

Sgt. Viv Buese visited his grandparents in Texas before going home to Alton, Ill., he reports.

That fella spending most of his time at the chowtable is Pvt. Howard Kafer, the "120-pound wonder." Howie spends a lot of his time throwing chops, spuds and ice cream down his craw, but does not seem to get any fatter. "I treat my tapeworm good," Kafer says, between bites. "They are my sole dependents."

Sgt. Russ "One-Beer" Martin tok off on furlough the other day for Indiana. He announced that he was going to stop in Alton, Ill., on his way back to visit the "star boarder" that is reportedly living in Hibbard's house in that busy city.

Any sports scribbler with one-fourth of an ounce of gray matter knows that wrestling is five-eighths hocus and three-eighths good wrestling. Naturally, we do not know what kind of show Van Nest put on with Sallee (another former Hq-SCU man, incidentally) but from the standpoint of pleasing the crowd it beats us how "Red's" antics could miss.

"Red" was a good guy, and he told us more than once that he wrestled to entertain the crowd, not to maim his opponent or disfigure the referee.

Van Nest was also quite a football player, having had experience with the U. of Denver and several Bay Area pro teams. According to the Fort Warren blat he has signed up with them as a tackle.

NOTES FROM THE CUFF: It is with a great deal of satisfaction that we note I-6th won the HDSF baseball crown. 1st. Sgt. Clodeon Adkins' boys never missed or postponed a game in the entire tournament, and they deserve credit for that fact alone. Too many other batteries failed to show up, claiming men-on-duty, alerts, and men-on-pass as excuses. 'T' merely proved that anyone can have excuses—after all, they had just as many alerts and one thing and another as anyone else . . . Our choice for the leading softball player of 1944: Cpl. Ted Lipczynski of K-6th, Fort Barry.

Pvt. Freddie Connell of Hq. Btry. 3rd Bn. at Fort Baker tells us that he was quite a baseball hurler in his day. According to records, he used to pitch for the Modesto, Calif., team in the early days of the San Joaquin Valley league . . . Cpl. Jim Burke, Hq-SCU, challenges anyone in the HDSF to a game of badminton . . . Pvt. Sam Vigliotti of the SCU's baseball team used to hurl for the San Francisco Seals several years ago, spies say.

Non-Valuable Captured Enemy Trinkets Allowed

Provided the souvenir is small in size, and is not of value for scrap material or other purposes, captured enemy equipment may be kept by military personnel and merchant seamen, according to a recent report from Washington through the American Legion.



Lions One Up in 2nd Round League Play

Rowland Hits Homer As Barry Routs Owls

The Fort Barry Lions jumped into an early lead in the second round of competition in the American Division of the San Francisco Recreation Dept. baseball circuit by pinning a neat 13 to 9 defeat on the Owl Drug nine Sun., July 9, at Harrison.

The game, a free-hitting affair which saw a total of 28 hits during the tussle, found the Lions spotting the Owl team four runs in the first inning. The lead was shortlived as the Barry team added five in the second, two in the third, four more in the fifth and an additional two in the ninth.

The five-run outburst in the second started when Kafer drew a walk, Grinus and Hund were safe on errors to fill the bases, and Berzonsky singled to drive in one run. With the bases loaded, Rowland stepped up and hit a home run to clean the bags.

In the third inning Grinus slammed a three-base hit, followed by a home run by Hund.

Four runs in the fifth were tallied by Stosky's walk, and consecutive hits by Grinus, Hund, Hibbard and Fernandez. Hibbard's hit was a double. In the ninth two runs were scored on singles by Hund and Hibbard, a walk to Rowland and a hit by Smith.

Hibbard and Hund were heavy hitters, grabbed three hits, while Rowland, Fernandez, Smith and Grinus each were credited with two blows. Hibbard got a double and triple, and Grinus also got a triple. Rowland and Hund knocked four-baggers.

	R.	H.	E.
Lions	13	15	6
Owl Drugs	9	13	3

Hund and Hibbard; Benedetti, Leggett and Day.



T-4 RALPH "SPEEDY" HUND, star right-hander for the Fort Barry Lions, winds up for a pitch.

Adkins Leads Barry Bowlers to Marin Win

With 1st Sgt. Clodeon Adkins rolling a high 537 series, the keggers of I-6th, Fort Barry, upset the strong Hamilton Field Rovers, two games to one, last Thursday night at the Marin Bowl in San Rafael.

Other scores for 'I' Battery included Pfc Howard Kafer, 529; Cpl. Norman Hibbard, 507; Sgt. Vic Buese, 489; and T-5 Lowell Luken, 485.

In a match at the Marin Bowl the previous Thurs., July 6, the Lion bowlers lost a high-pinnage, three-game to nothing, verdict to the Marin All-Stars. Pfc Maynard Rowland snagged a high series of 586, including a 220 individual effort, Hibbard trailed with a 581, including a 214 game.

Luken followed with a 518 series, Kafer with a 491 and Adkins, 490.

'I' travels to San Rafael tonight to meet the All-Stars and a week from tonight, July 27, tangles with the Rovers in a return engagement.

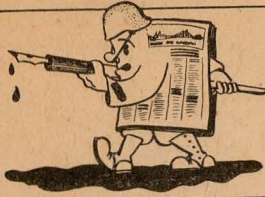
Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Practically A Signal Corpse



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BAKER MEDICS

When Cpl. John Misciewicz put in for a transfer to Dibble General Hospital, Palo Alto, 1st. Sgt. Gale Houser wanted to know the reason why. "Well, it's this way," wailed John, "I just can't put up with 'Pancho'." ('Pancho' is Cpl. "Pop" Leonard's motorcycle on which John has taken so many spills.)

Going along with Misciewicz were Pvt. Pete Soen, Pvt. Cleophas Kiszzer, Pvt. Lloyd "Teetotaler" Cooper.

The chevron polish is working overtime this week after a trunk-full of ratings were handed out. They include Amos Higgins, T-4 to S/Sgt; Chick Ackerman and Bert Strong, T-5 to T-4; Junior Romiti, Bob Evans, John Holtz, George Bonnell, Walt Conant, Swan Mattson and John Bigda to T-5.

Eleven one-strippers were made, too, including Applegate, Bailey, Batliner, Cherry, Duncan, Eggleston, Doudna, Nilson, Preacher, Smith, Underwood and Warren.



In case any of you guys are wondering what happened to Lt. Mary Baird, she's off to a six-months course in anathesia at Palo Alto.

Lt. Lloyd Smith is now at Camp Ellis, Ill., and Lt. Bob Findlay has taken over his job as medical supply officer. The job was given Findlay with the understanding it was to give him something to occupy his time—after all, he's only got eight other jobs around the hospital.

Some of the boys have been getting letters from former Baker corpsmen who are now overseas. T-3 James Johns writes from the wilds of New Guinea a highly censorable (for print) letter, but toned down it would read: "All we do is pack, roll tests and dig latrines. I hope to get transferred to Australia. I haven't seen a woman for nearly three months..."

With Johns overseas are S/Sgt. Bob Schultz, Sgt. Fred Eisner, T-4 Leth Johnson, Pvt. "Big Boy" Albert and Pfc. Nick Heser.

E-TUNNELEERS
By Cpl. Dale Nelson

The spotlight this week shifts to Pvt. William "Crash-Bang" Williams, of Uncle Sam's fighting forces, who, in all his glory, was trying to uphold the sacred traditions of the Army vs. the Navy at Larkspur last week.

The outcome was undetermined, of course, but our hero appeared the next morning in front of the mirror



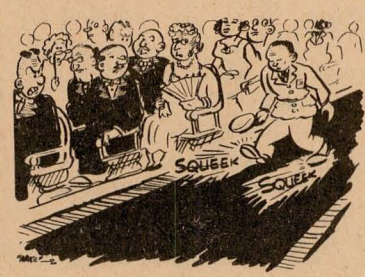
trying to figure out the reason for an enlarged and disfigured orb. He claims it could be from "Pop" Cardinal's intensified recations toward him of late or from a so-called blonde cousin named Kramer.

We are of the unbiased opinion

BAYVIEW INN

Headquarters men again sweat out the furlough list. Bayview Inn is enjoying a capacity summer run with overnight reservations pouring in as a result of the new pass rationing. Sergeant Robinson says that the boys have been drawing beds like bunk fatigue hounds with the supply room hardly knowing where their next comforter is coming from.

That squeak you heard in the S. F. opera house last week wasn't



caused by the plumbing, it was T-5 Jimmie Walsh walking down the aisle in his new shoes.

Ranking right along in the same category with Morse's laying of the Atlantic cable, is the system of communications installed by Cpl. Fred J. Witte between the home office in bldg. 3 and its subsidiary in No. 4. Sgt. Bert Nichols is doing the vocals.

There has been a lot of speculation about Bill May's Horatio Alger rise from corporal to sergeant and Hollywood is even rumored to be dickering for the film rights of the best seller, "Any mail today, Jake?"

Sgt. Aubrey Winkle presented a much needed alarm clock to the boys at an informal ceremony in the mail room. Everyone was pretty well wound up including Corporal Rogers. 'Red' had to take him home.

A lot of the boys wondered why Cpl. Joe Olsen seemed to enjoy being quarantined so much. Sgt. Bob Gravette is still puffing from the chase he game a "Burlingame Blonde." Three navymen lost out on that relay.

T-5 Louis Schultz doesn't mind the fog these days just so long as he can see his wife who is visiting here from Chicago.

that Sgt. Harley Bass needs a seeing-eye dog. Reason: Harley reaches for a companion at a Cronkhide dance recently, misses and finds himself in an embarrassing position on the dance floor.

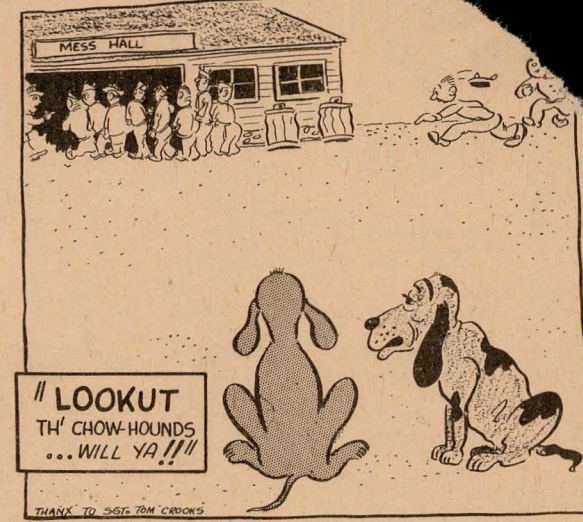
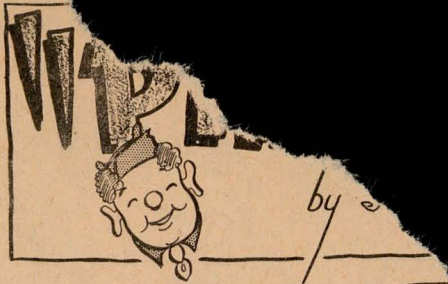
Last week the slumbering occupants of Barracks No. 2 were suddenly awakened by the melodious tones, "Take Me Back to Whur I Come From." The originator of the music was Cpl. Leon Yakle and there doesn't appear to be any logical explanation for the performance. We often hear of people who talk in their sleep, but never have we heard of such inspired singing unless there be good reason back of it.

Sgt. Ike Schick was observed the other morning walking around on his hands. Of course no explanation is necessary because a god night's rest always makes a person feel that way, doesn't it, Ike?

Dainty dishes of 'C' ration were enjoyed by all cooks last week. Anyway, the kitchen force was nowhere to be found during the goings on.

Pvt. Deuter seems to be developing a new technique for servicing recons, if the dust on the battery street serves any point. Deuter said the rust came away from the chains, anyway, and also that new developments will appear in the near future.

It has been noted of late that Corporal Funk has started a receding hair line. Is it due to his transportation responsibilities or lack of vitamins in Sausalito?



"LOOKUT TH' CHOW-HOUNDS ... WILL YA!!!"

THANKS TO SSGT TOM CROOKS

POME

OH, ARMY STEAK, I SOMEHOW FEEL YOU OUGHT TO BE MORE AMPLE; ARE YOU SURE THEY MEAN'T YOU FOR A MEAL—OR ARE YOU JUST A SAMPLE.



F AT BAKER
By Bob Murphy

We had the distinction of participating in the Fort Scott Parade when medals for bravery were awarded to Pfc Gilbert Brunson and Capt. Harley Stewart. Of course don't take me wrong. It makes us swell our chests to know we have such men as Brunson in our battery. We convey our compliments to Pfc Brunson and Capt. Stewart.

One of the fellows in our battery, Carl Morse, but better known as 'P-38' is the man that constructed the mineplanter model, now on display in the office. Morse can recognize airplanes and ships from almost any position or distance. The most unique thing about the model is the lighting effects. On the front deck are two flood lights and on the mast is one; then, on the rear deck is another flood light.

Details run from crank handles on the davits to catheads on the deck and screen in the stack.

One of the remarks concerning the reality of the model was this: "It looks so real that I am almost sure I saw Mr. Southwood on the bridge."

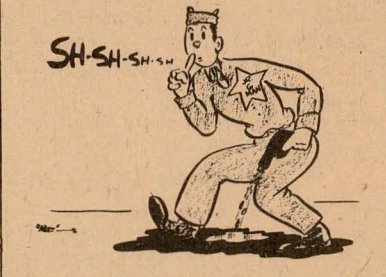
Speaking of talent, a while back we found out a fellow in the battery that was quite adept at landscape artistry. He started out by drawing pastoral scenes with soft black pencil on a piece of plywood. We realized that if he were that good with pencil, what would he do with oils. Recently we furnished him a set of oil paints, and no one today regrets the donation. Some of the fellows have had him make pictures for their wives and girl friends. Pvt. Wilson "Sack Commando" Gay is the Rembrandt of Battery 'F.'

FUNSTON CANNONEERS
By T-4 Bill Ewing

Between standing by for the major calibre practice and our all night bivouac, here is the latest happenings of the Cannoneers:

That whirlwind destruction at the barn dance in Richmond was just the "three musketeers" of lower No. 2 barracks out on one of their "commando missions." A beachhead was established and each had a good time.

Battery mysteries! Who was the redheaded "Cpl" playing ring around the rosy in Fleischhacker's Park? Why is "peep sight" Ray Alvarez and "Frenchy" Blanchette always trying to scare people? Is it true that "peep sight" Albarez has



been playing Junior G Man? Is it true that "Dapper Dan" Phillips and "Handsome Harry" Scott have been learning how to take a bath in a tub in one easy lesson?

Corporal Ripy has created a new dance, called the "Kickapoo." It is a cross between the St. Vitus dance and bumps a daisy. Better he should take Cpl. "Pop" Van Houtens advice and lay off the stuff at the local distributors.

Noncoms of the battery took their drivers test and all are now members of the renowned gear clashers gang.

'A' DISTRIBUTION BOX
By PFC John Woodall

Pfc. Roy J. Teal brought in his pet baby squirrel to show the boys. Teal has made him a harness and leash and the friendly little fellow was perfectly at home amongst a group of curious batterymen.

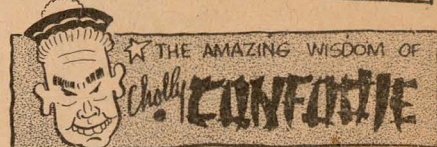
Up to the time this went to press, Pfc Milo Green was still on furlough. However, there is no reason to believe things did not go as planned—Milo is now married to the girl of his dreams.

If any 'A' Batterymen are seen walking around talking to themselves it is not a sign they are bucking for a section-8. It is only that they are rechecking their General Orders and memorizing the Chain of Command of the HDSF, a protection against that future three day pass.

Harassed by an umbrella of buzzing gremlins who spread a blanket of fog over the rifle range, 'A' Battery's riflemen brushed up on their marksmanship recently. Gremlins also persisted in their efforts to disorganize the men in the butts. Those on the firing line insist the little men pulled all their tricks in unsuccessful attempts to sabotage the working parts of their rifles. But no amount of scheming could halt the determined mineplanting men from compiling a record that should make Tojo and his slant eyed sons of heaven yell quits.

M/Sgt. Raymond Thoman has left for Ordnance O.C.S. Best wishes of his many friends go with him.

'GI BONDS' are the buy. Sign up today. \$7.50 gets you \$10.



★ SERGEANT WHO GROWL ALL DAY IS USUALLY DOG TIRED BY NIGHT.

★ RATTLE SNAKE IS AN EEL WITH A CRAP GAME GOING ON IN THE BACK.

★ OLD SOLDIER WHO PROPOSE LOVE TO GIRL FRIEND MUCH LIKE LOCOMOTIVE—HE PUFF AND WHEEZE AND THINK HE ON RIGHT TRACK.

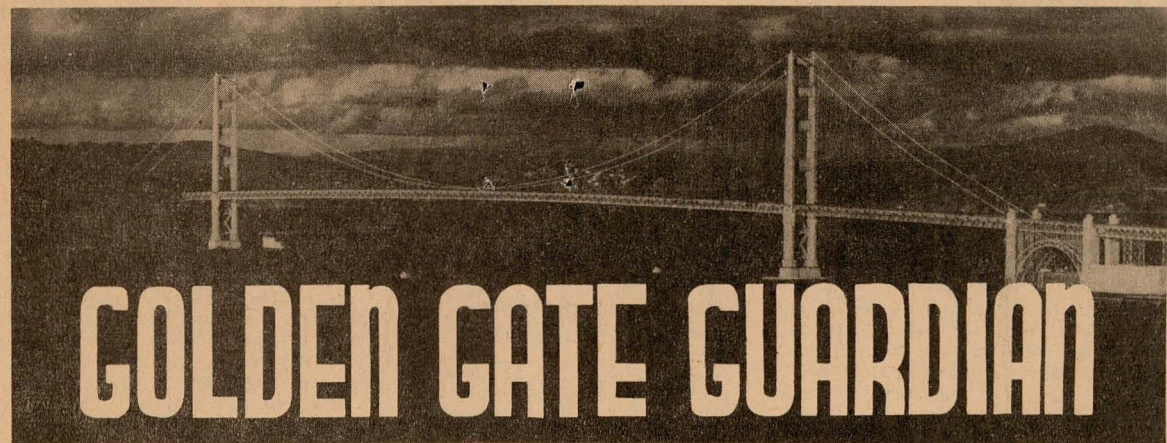
★ A G.I. HYPOCRITE IS ONE WHO PULLS K.R. WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE.

★ A BRUTE IS A SOLDIER WHO KISSES AN UNWILLING GIRL....THE SOLDIER WHO DOES NOT KISS GIRL WHEN SHE IS WILLING IS ALSO A BRUTE.

★ A MISS IN THE CAR IS WORTH TWO IN THE MOTOR.

"MIKE" MIKOS

HDSF Softballers Score Big in Army Tourney



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First All-GI Couple Trip
Down Scott Chapel Aisle

The first all-GI wedding to be performed in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco was a symphony in khaki Sat., Sept. 2, when Pvt. Oliver Bridger, 21, Wac. Co., Fort Scott, became the bride of T-4 J. O. Summerford, 24, C-6th, at the Fort Scott chapel.

Chaplain Charles R. Culpepper, HDSF chaplain, officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Pvt. Doris Funk, Hollywood, Calif., was maid of honor and T-4 D. W. Tooman, C-6th, was best man. More than a hundred Wacs and soldiers attended the ceremony.

The bride wore the new issue Wac worsted off-duty uniform with an orchid corsage, the only non-issue decoration. The maid of honor wore a corsage of red roses and was also in the tropical worsted uniform.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bridger, 3583 Marion Ave., Memphis, Tenn., and was graduated from the Port Gibson High School there in 1940.

Prior to enlistment May 4, 1944, Mrs. (Pvt.) Summerford was employed by the Binswanger Optical Co., Memphis, as a lens grinder. After receiving basic at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., she was assigned to Fort Scott as a cook in the Wac Co., SCU 1932.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Summerford, Montecello, Ark., and was graduated from the Montecello High School in 1940. He was drafted in 1941 immediately upon leaving school and was assigned to the coast artillery.

The couple spent their three-day honeymoon at Port Richmond, Calif.

Heating Experts
Meet at Scott

Meeting at Fort Scott for the purpose of discussing procedures in conserving fuel and heat equipment, a group of 85 fuel-heating experts of the Central California Procurement District, NSC, attended a four-day convention in Bldg. 55 last week.

Lectures, under the general direction of Soren Jespersen, Field Service Engineer, Combustion, of Fort Douglas, included methods of economically operating combined, central plant, domestic heating and coal and gas burning heating systems.

Several local San Francisco fuel experts also attended the convention. Highlighting speech of the meet was given by Joseph Robb, fuel and heating expert from Minneapolis.

The lectures were opened with a speech by Col. Arthur E. Rowland.

Local members of the Engineers Office attending included John Peters, foreman steamfitter, Fort Baker; Emmet Dean, foreman plumber, Fort Scott; Charles Loshbough, operating engineer, Fort Baker hospital; Frank E. David, Edward Couture, steamfitters; Clarence Brill, Thomas Carson, plumbers.

New NSC Commandant
Maj. Gen. William E. Shedd assumed command of the Ninth Service Command, with headquarters in Fort Douglas, Utah, the Army announced last week.

The 59 year old Army officer, formerly commander of the Antilles Dept. at Puerto Rico, replaces Maj. Gen. David McCoach, Jr., recently assigned overseas.

Jewish Soldiers
To Attend High
Holidays in SF

Jewish servicemen and women are cordially invited to attend religious services during the coming High Holy Days in San Francisco as guests of the many temples and synagogues in the city. Rosh Hashonah, the New Year, begins at sundown, Sun., Sept. 17, and continues to sundown, Tues., Sept. 19.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins with the Kol Nidre service at sundown, Tues., Sept. 26, and ends at sundown, Wed. 27.

It has been customary for religious passes to be issued in the past to Jewish members of the armed forces provided the time off did not interfere with military training.

Soldiers are urged to get in touch with the Jewish Welfare Board at 111 O'Farrell Street (phone number is Garfield 7377) and indicate their preferences as to type of service—reform, conservative or orthodox—and indicate the number of days they will be able to be away on pass.

In addition, thousands of families have indicated their intention of inviting GI's into their homes for traditional holiday meals and home hospitality. Chaplains in the Harbor Defenses will assist the Jewish soldier in making his holiday arrangements.

Monterey Presidio Named
Army Separation Center

Presidio of Monterey, Calif., has been activated as a separation center to centralize and systematize the discharge of military personnel from the Army, according to an announcement from Ninth Service Command headquarters, Fort Douglas.

The center, which will operate "much like a reception center in reverse," will probably be placed in active operation within a month.

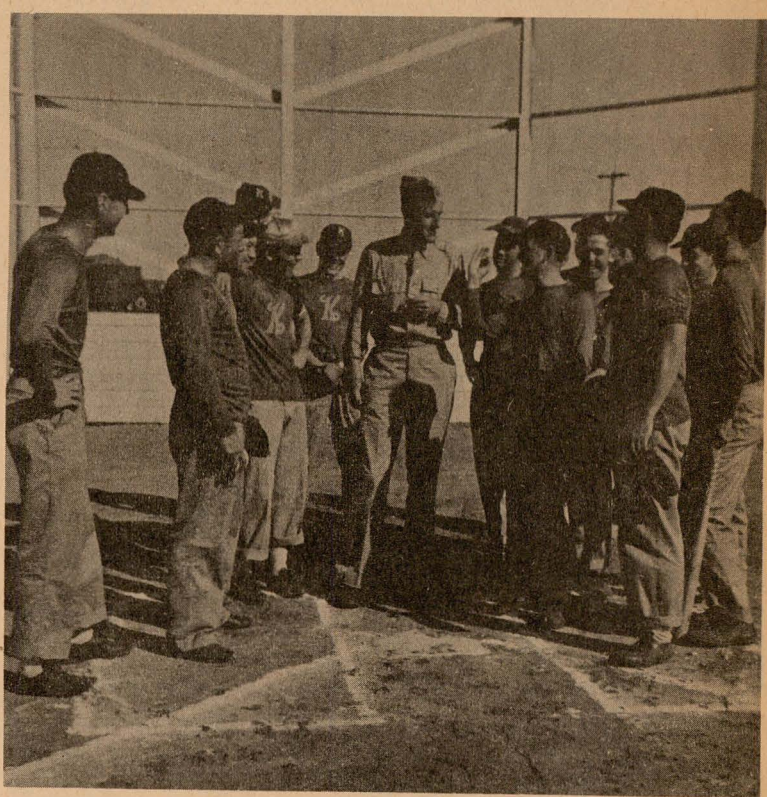
The center will convert government insurance if desired, applications for pensions will be arranged, allotments will be cancelled, accounts will be settled and advice will be given regarding the possibility of obtaining civilian employment.

**'A' Book Holders
Renew Gas Ration**

Holders of the basic 'A' gasoline mileage ration books in the Harbor Defense are reminded by Capt. Arthur Fidgeon, gasoline administrator, that renewals should be made before Sept. 21 in order to avoid a last-minute rush at local ration boards.

Gasoline mileage OPA application blanks are available at all Bay Area gasoline stations, in addition to the post stations. The forms are to be filled out and mailed to the issuing board, along with the back cover of the old 'A' book and the tire inspection record.

New 'A' coupons, which become valid Sept. 21, are good for four gallons of gasoline, but six coupons, rather than eight, are being issued for the three-month period. 'A' coupons are now serially numbered and holders are urged to sign all coupons in their books immediately upon receipt to avoid penalty.



IN THE GROOVE, SIR—Before the K-HDSF All-Stars started tournament play at Camp Stoneman, Cpl. Joe Mazur, team captain, assured Capt. James Hardy, 'K' Battery BC, that the first game was in the bag. It was, to the tune of 13 to 4. The champs left yesterday for Santa Barbara for more tournament play. (Photo by GGG. Other photos, page 4.)

Trounce Good Army Teams
In Championship Play

Mendell Gets
ARC Attention

The reason the Mendell Service Club is becoming one of the most popular recreation centers in Marin County is its crew of volunteer Red Cross aides who serve as hostesses every night for coast artillery and Coast Guard troops on duty at Fort Barry.

The ARC group, consisting primarily of volunteers from Sausalito and San Rafael, includes: Sunday—Miss Dulcie Green, Miss Anita Rhodes; Monday—Mrs. Glenn Smith, Mrs. Stuart Rose, Mrs. F. Janoff; Tuesday—Miss Virginia Sutton, Miss Emma Drumm, Mrs. E. C. Many; Wednesday—Mrs. G. H. Blackett, Mrs. Scott Alexander; Thursday—Miss Hazel Evans, Miss Eve Pellow.

Alternates include Miss Eleanor Meherin, Miss Sally Hettrich, Mrs. H. D. Cotton, Miss Ruth Bundschu, Mrs. William Kay Grant, Mrs. V. H. Wollman, Mrs. T. H. Lavers.

The Red Cross staff is under direction of Mrs. Josephine Everett, Army Hostess for the Post Special Service Office at Mendell and Fort Cronkhite Service Clubs.

Col. Pickett, CWS,
Inspects SCU-ers

Lt. Col. Samuel P. Pickett, inspecting officer of the Chemical Warfare Service, NSC, Fort Douglas, Utah, inspected SCU troops of Fort Scott and Baker last week and upon conclusion of the review gave the SCU 1932 a "very satisfactory" rating.

Colonel Pickett, in reviewing and questioning Hq., Hosp., and Wac Companies, was aided by Lt. Joseph Schneider, local CWS officer.

"The SCU troops were very well disciplined on war gasses," the colonel said. "It is a credit to the Ninth Service Command to have soldiers alert for any emergency."

Colonel Pickett is also inspecting SCU outfits at Fort McDowell, Dibble and Letterman General Hospitals, Presidio of San Francisco and Oakland Area Hospital.

**Evening Entertainment
Offered at Army YMCA**

"Hay-Fever," the featured performance at the Presidio YMCA this evening at 2015, presented by the Hillbarn Theatre, is one of several evening entertaining activities to be held at the 'Y' this week.

Tomorrow (Fri.) a featured movie will be presented in the auditorium; Sunday, a musical program by the Junior Civic Symphony; Monday, a bingo party.

Members of the Women's Army Corps are also invited.

Fog soaked artillerymen from the Barry hills donned green middies and suntuans Sept. 1 to slap, swat, bunt and batter their way to a near softball championship in the Overall Army Bracket of the Central Security District, NCS, at Camp Stoneman over the Labor Day week-end.

In the scuffles K-HDSF All-Stars came up against some of the toughest competition to be found in any military area and beat them all. They are now scheduled to play for the Central Security District championship in Santa Barbara Sept. 13 to 18.

Second Best

Though they scored victories over every team entered in the tournament, the HDSF-ers came out second best when Merced Army Air Field beat them in the final game, 1 to 0. In the previous game the

	R	H	E
HDSF	13	14	1
Hq-WDC	4	4	4
Lewandowski and Lyon; Baroni and Thurman.			
HDSF	2	5	1
Roberts	3	3	2
Viviano, Lewandowski and Lyon; Slimkoski and DiFrancia.			
HDSF	16	14	0
Roberts	0	2	1
Lewandowski and Lyon; Weidner and DiFrancia.			
HDSF	7	7	2
Mather	3	3	2
Lewandowski and Lyon; Blaze and Weatherholt.			
HDSF	2	5	2
Merced	0	2	0
Viviano and Lyon; Tomblinson and Gonella.			
HDSF	0	3	1
Merced	1	2	1
Lewandowski and Lyon; Priest and Gonella.			

artillerymen whipped the Pilots, 2 to 0, with snappy Cpl. Tony Viviano chucking the session.

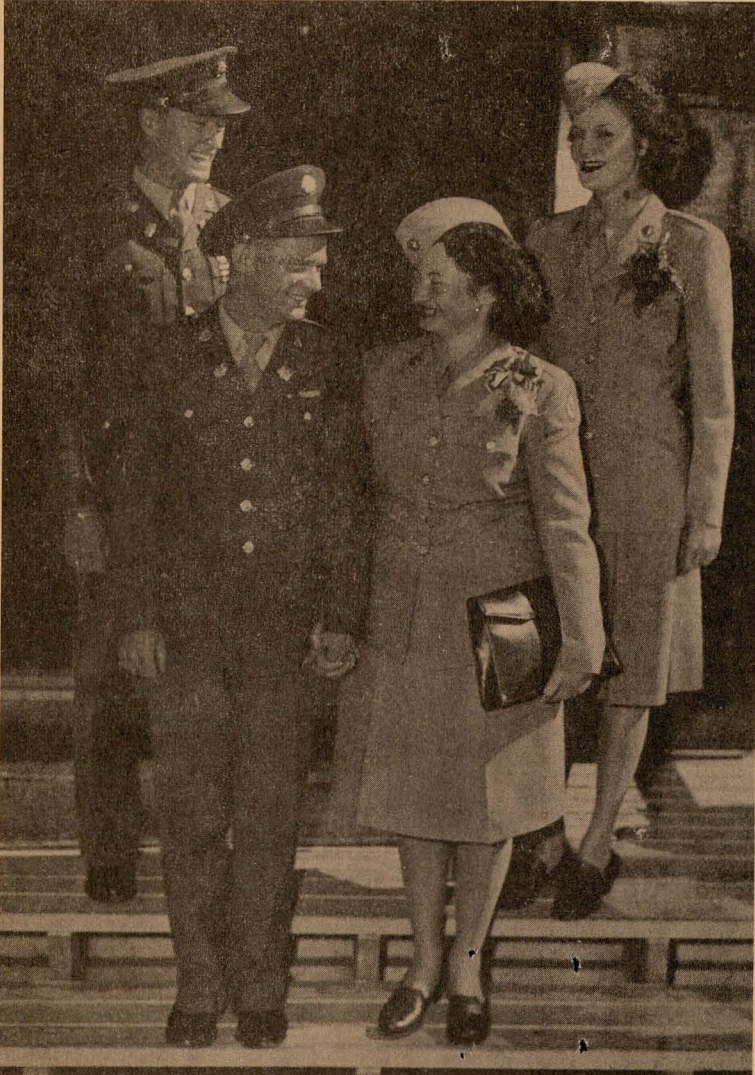
Merced is scheduled to represent the Ninth Service Command in play for the Service Command championship in Cleveland this month.

By the time HDSF played Merced, the air corpsmen copped the title of "State Champs" by beating Mather Field the day before, 2 to 1, in a title match held at Stockton. The HDSF-ers beat Mather Field, 7 to 3, behind the tricky pitching of Cpl. John Lewandowski.

Championship Form

From the very first game with Lewandowski on the rubber, the Harbor Defense softballers showed championship form by trouncing Hqs. Special Troops, WDC, 13 to 4. Pfc Earl Benoché, H-6th C. A., clouted a shoulder high inside pitch for a homer driving in two men ahead of him and ending the game in the 6th inning. One of the rules of the tournament was that if one of the teams was ahead of the other by seven runs in the fifth inning or

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"... and I still think you should've taken your rifle instead."

Comfortable Peace

When the Bochs go down for the count, the first to be discharged, according to the new demobilization plan of the War Department, will be soldiers who have served in combat areas and have families. All the way through the plan is to give those that have done the greatest share the first opportunity to exchange OD's for pin-stripes.

Of course, like any other plan that involves millions of people, there is bound to be misunderstanding and some feeling of injustice.

Regardless of the way some garrison soldiers may feel about the "point system," one thing they all agree upon: **The men who have done the fighting should get the first break.**

In all fairness it should be stated that few men will be discharged immediately after V-Day in Europe. Thousands of men will be needed to police conquered areas and administer temporary governments in many liberated lands. The plan definitely states that if a man is of use to the Army in the prosecution of the war he will be retained.

Then there is the Nip situation. After the Huns grovel in the dust it will take some hard and fast blows to eclipse the Rising Sun. Not until ALL our enemies are defeated can we hope for a comfortable peace.

When the first Demobilization Day comes along, and you are left at the post, remember that you are being retained to fulfill your obligation as a soldier—to get the job done, and done right.

"Sometimes soldiers can't see what they are doing toward winning the war. Somehow driving a truck, washing dishes, cleaning latrines haven't much glamor. It's not like killing a Nazi or a Jap. But carry your grain of sand, brother, and we'll get the job done."

—Ft. Sheridan (Ill.) 'Tower'

"It is the Russian Army which has done most of the work in tearing the guts out of Germany."

—Winston Churchill

What's In A Verse?

Here you are, soldier! Here's your chance to get a GI theater coupon book, for free. All you have to do is fill in the fifth line of the limerick printed below, snip out the verse and send it together with your name and organization to The Golden Gate Guardian, Fort Scott, and you may be the lucky man. There will be a new winner next issue, so don't give up if you don't get first prize on your first try.

"There was a young soldier from Scott,
Who wished that the weather was hot;
But the sergeant, agog,
Took a squint at the fog—
.....!!

(The last line must rhyme with the first two.)

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Know Your Leaders

Lt. Gen. George Smith Patton, Jr. Swashbuckling Tank Titan

By Pvt. Edward Wells
Intrepid, dashing, fearless. The stormy petrel of the A.E.F. Nearing sixty, eligible for retirement from the Army. In short, this is Lt. Gen. George S. Patton, Jr., who says: "A man won't die for pay; glory is necessary," bets he will be in Paris before Bradley or Montgomery, and then, rushing by the famed city, crushes the entire Nazi left flank after swinging the enemy line from west to east through all northern France with his powerful United States Third Army.

Heads Galloping Tanks
A distinguished tactician in armored warfare, General Patton now heads tank forces that are slashing toward Berlin and victory. This amazing fighter is a composite of Andrew Jackson, George A. Custer and Nathan B. Forrest. He is at the front of his column directing every detail, sometimes even astride the foremost tanks.

Patton is a native son of California, born at San Gabriel on Armistice Day, 1885. During his school days at Pasadena he was a poor student but a good athlete and sailor. He was good enough to be sent to the Olympic Games at Stockholm in 1912.

His military education was obtained at V.M.I. and West Point. As a cadet he was noted for his cocksure attitude and skill as a cavalry man. The cavalry was his choice in the service until tanks appeared on the scene. All that remains of those cavalry days are his mirror polished boots and the richest assortment of expletives in the Army.

On Pershing's Staff
In 1917 General Patton arrived in France as a member of General Pershing's staff. He was detailed to the tank school where he became as devoted to armor on the move as General Spaatz with the air arm.

Patton saw action at St. Mihiel, and in the Meuse Argonne offensives. He won the D.S.M., D.S.C., Silver Star and Purple Heart for his valor.

Between wars General Patton amassed and studied the finest private library in this country on military history. He wrote two volumes of poetry about his favorite themes of soldierly valor and the glory of sacrifice which are to be published after his death.

Tough Outfit
In 1940 he was ordered to Ft. Benning, Ga. to train the Second Division. His first job was to repair some old rusty tanks and order new ones. Under his famed discipline the 2nd emerged as one of the toughest and most respected outfits in the Army.



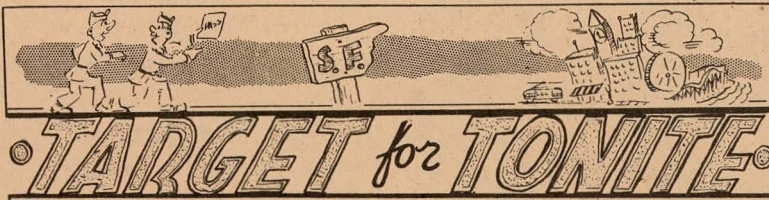
In Tunisia General Patton first caught the public eye as commander of the Second Corps. His tanks blasted the way to Gafsa and stopped the Panzers cold at El Guetter. Pfc Eber Hampton now at Fort Scott (Hq-SCU) was a tank gunner in this campaign. He recalls vividly the general's unaccepted challenge to Rommel to meet him in a tank duel on the field.

Hampton says that one could expect to see this "rough rider" of the tanks anywhere in his famous battle jacket, butter bean breeches, cavalry boots and famous brace of pearl handled revolver. Even on the battle field he required his men to fall out in leggings and black ties.

Follow Him Anywhere
His men would follow him anywhere, says Hampton.

General Patton is not entirely the blustering, rampaging, swaggering figure that he had been so often portrayed. In Tunisia he was ordered to make himself pleasing to the Sultan of Morocco. With the finesse of a swallow tailed diplomat he very successfully arranged hunting parties and other entertainment for the potentate.

General Patton commanded the 7th Army in Sicily before appearing last month at the head of the 3rd Army in France to lead his tanks in breaching the German west wall at Avranches. Dazzling victories are bringing his great ambition—to terrorize the Japs with his tanks and his lightning leaderships.



If any of you service guys and gals happen to be contract bridge addicts, drop down to the USO at 111 O'Farrell and take a try at the duplicate contract bridge tournament being held there tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Prizes will be given away freely, so you don't have to be too good to come away some kind of winner. Ask for Mrs. S. Berger, Mrs. Fritz Tobias or Edith E. Vogel, program director.

The Ice Follies, being staged at Winterland, Post-Steiner Sts., definitely plays its last revue this Sun., Sept. 17. It's a show not to be missed. Sometimes they have a few free ducats in circulation; sweat out the USO and Pepsi-Cola Centers for them.

Just because you can't understand Italian, don't miss the "Carnival of Venice," now at the Larkin, on Larkin St. near Geary. It's got lots of good singing by San Francisco's own Toti Dal Monte.

Watch for the opening of the late Izzy Gomez' night spot at 848 Pacific. The new owner has indicated that the joint will be opened with the same atmosphere for which Izzy, the last of the old Barbary Coast bartenders, was famous. If you're a bit short with the lettuce, mighty tasty hamburgers are served.

To see Chinatown with a guide and all the works, join the crowd at 1148 Market St. at 1930. This will impress the little woman because you'll visit many out-of-the-way places in the nation's largest Chinese section. The tour price is \$1.50. What's more—it includes a tallyho ride!



W. E. Woodward has written a refreshing, historical and intimate account of American History for the past 300 years in his latest book, "The Way Our People Lived."

Here is everything American from the early days in Boston, to southern gentlemen with a deck of cards on the Mississippi river boats and dashing young adventurers hunting or that nugget of gold in the California hills. It is a human, lively and vivid book that you will enjoy reading. It succeeds in creating a warm, significant and believable world of American everyman.

If you are in the political mood and could go for some real stuffed ballot boxes, brass knuckles, a controlled press, and an intimidated labor movement get your exciting post library copy of "Grass Roots" by Earl Schenk Miers. Here is an earthy picture of the Irish alliteration, Michael Moriarty's political dynasty, built on the stock in trade rules of politics which flourished in the years following World War I.

'Socker' Coe
Charles 'Socker' Coe, famous gangland and prize ring story scribe, now spins the most exciting tale of all, the story of his life, "Never a Dull Moment."

'Socker' recounts in thrilling detail five supercharged decades of adventure and opens up lusty vistas of American life from the gas-lit era of bustles and blushes on down thru the last two teeming decades to present day cocktail etiquette in patent leather bars.

For those who have that old "I want to take a trip" urge—should hold on to their glasses and request Olaf Swenson's latest, "Northwest of the World." This tells the heroic story of a 4,500-mile trek from Cape North to Irkutsk, through the deep Siberian country by dogsled and deer team—a feat never before attempted.

Biography of Smuts
Rene Kraus has written the life of Jan Christian Smuts under the title, "Old Master." Authentic and masterful it is a colorful picturization of the British Field Marshal, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, philosopher and scientist who presides over the Inner British War Council during Churchill's absence from London.

In "War Criminals and Punishment," Collier's Washington correspondent, George Creel, reminds us how the Germans machine-gunned 60,000 citizens of Kiev at a gulley outside the city in a single mass murder. The author stresses the fact that there are loopholes in the present international law for the punishment of Axis war criminals, and that already judicial red-tapesters and sentimentalists are trying to complicate the trial of the war guilty.

HURRY, HURRY!

Double-time is a means of swift locomotion used to reach an objective sooner, thereby permitting a longer wait for whatever it was you double-timed for.



FAMILIAR SCENE to I-6th C.A. dogfaces at Fort Barry is that of the new top kick putting things in motion. Until recently 1st Sgt. Arthur Swift, a HDSF-er since about 1936, was considered to be the longest 'jawbone' top kick in the fortifications; he was an acting 1st sergeant for about two years. Pvt. Kenneth Rhoades and Cpl. Albert Cook stand blandly by while awaiting sweeping mission instructions.



TARGET OBSERVED—Bonita gunner, loader and firer, Pfc Clarence Jenson, Portsmouth, Va., has been with G-6th C.A. for some 18 months. He and his buddies demonstrated better than satisfactory results in their Saturday shoot. (Photo by GGG)

Sharp Shooting Bonita Gun Crews Proved 'On the Ball'

Proving to be very much 'on the ball,' Bonita Gun Crews of Battery G-6th C. A., Fort Barry, demonstrated what observers described as a "very satisfactory" shoot, while peppering away at a fast moving target in the Bay last Saturday.

The gun crews involved, with Sgt. Edwin Schrotenboer and Sgt. Paul Acuna, gun commanders, obtained hitting results which greatly exceeded normal expectancies, it was learned through the HDSF Plans and Training office.

Results were due in great effect, the P-T office announced, to the training program instigated and carried out by Lt. Wallace Forrester, former Harbor Defense automatic weapons officer and battery commander of the gunnery unit. Lieutenant Forrester came to these defenses little over a year ago.

During the shoot, attests Lt. Fredrick Saunders, range officer, one gun crew scored 21 direct hits out of a possible 25 on one course of the target, which brought comment from Col. Kenneth Rowntree, regimental commander.

"What happened to the other four shots?" the colonel asked the lieutenant. After due consideration Colonel Rowntree agreed the other shots could have gone through the holes already made by the hits.

The ace gun crews are manned by artillerymen who have worked together as teams for many months. "Each man has proved his worth," Lt. Col. Arthur Kramer, battalion commander commented, following the shoot. "We have proven once more that cooperation during practice can pay dividends under pressure."

Others who participated in the prize shoot are Pvt. Dawson See, Cpl. Joe Zajac, Pfc Delmer Petersen, Pvt. Henry Zavala, Pvt. Orvel Richards, Pvt. Rocco Rizzo and Pvt. Donald Bissett; Cpl. Arless Owens, Pfc Leonard Cohen, Pfc Mike Minhist, Pfc Maynard Myrvik, Pfc Clarence Jensen, Pvt. Allen King and Pfc Rudolph Atkins.

Gift Selection Listed For Overseas Soldiers

Are you having trouble in selecting suitable items for Christmas gifts to the boys overseas? If you are, then perhaps the following list of suggestions will be of help.

Soaps, razor blades, shaving cream and lotions, tooth powder or paste, tooth brushes, wash cloths, small bath towels, combination cards of buttons, needles and thread, darning cooton, pins, games, stationery, books and tobacco head the list.

Such articles as hard candies, nuts, caramels, chocolate bars and cookies should be packed in tin containers and sealed with adhesive tape.

Money should be sent in the form of Postal Money Orders with the post office through which the orders are to be routed shown as the paying office.

O Heavenly Days! Omnipotent Sarge Knows Way Out

A difficult problem arose the other day in the SCU Unit Personnel Office, Fort Scott, over the meaning of an AR. The problem was mulled for some time before the incident was brought to the attention of the post sergeant major.

"I understand," said a UPO soldier, "that between you and the Lord, no question can go unanswered."

The sgt. major nodded in the affirmative, so the UPO man confronted him with the sad problem. Upon completion of the tale, the sgt. major shook his head.

"No, I'm sorry; I don't know the answer," he said. "You'll have to take it up with the Lord—but you'll have to go through channels. I'll write a buck slip to the chaplain."

There are 52 war agency check writing machines, which write checks at the rate of 150 a minute, simultaneously "proof reading" each one against a punch card record.

When the family allowance payment plan was put into effect Sept. 1, 1942, 36,000 checks were mailed to soldiers' families. Today there are 6,643,000 accounts for the ODB to handle.

REALLY?

What hint of post-war satisfaction could appeal to Sir GI more than this?

In the reconversion plans being drawn up in Washington dehydrated foods are taking a back seat, War Department agencies insist.

Benefit Check No. 100 Mil. Mailed

The 100 millionth check was mailed Sept. 1 from the War Department Office of Dependency Benefits, Newark, N. Y., the War Department recently announced.

The ODB administers nearly seven million family allowance and Class E allotment of pay accounts for 20 million soldiers and dependents.

The 100 millionth check—a monthly family allowance payment of \$120—went to a soldier's wife and three children in San Francisco. The soldier, a private, is overseas.

Veteran Mendell Topkick Retires With Top Record

The service lost a "good man" Thurs., Aug. 31, when 1st Sgt. Thomas Gaffney, 48, popular 27-year Army veteran of K-6th, Mendell Area, was retired from active duty at a special Third Battalion military review on the Fort Scott parade grounds.

"Throughout his various enlistment periods," Capt. Cecil O. Stanley, adjutant, Third Bn., said in reading the memorandum, "First Sergeant Gaffney demonstrated himself to be a valuable non-commissioned officer of exemplary character and unswerving devotion to duty."

"His competency as a leader was established early and is clearly reflected by the fact that almost the entire period of his service was performed in a non-commissioned grade. His colorful career and fine record should serve as an inspiration and standard for each soldier in the Army of the present day."

Gaffney, born Oct. 2, 1896, in Meadowbrook, Scotland, first enlisted in the Army July 7, 1916, at Sacramento, Calif., and was assigned to the newly organized First Anti-Aircraft Battalion in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco.

When the United States entered World War I, the 1st AA Bn. got its combat baptism as support for the 1st Division, Army Expeditionary Forces in France. His outfit was later attached to the French Army and fought in the famous Champagne-Marne and Seine-Marne offensives.

After the Armistice, Gaffney returned with his outfit as Pfc, and when his enlistment terminated in



THOMAS GAFFNEY, 48, top kick of K-6th, Fort Barry, for 14 years, was retired recently from the Army after 27 years 7 months with the C.A.C.—most of it in the HDSF.

1919, he re-enlisted with Btry. A, 61st C. A., Fort Monroe.

Gaffney made corporal in the QMC in 1920 and was promoted to sergeant in 1922, a rank he held until 1936 when he became top kick at the Mendell battery.

The retired top kick has a wife, Florence, and four children—Betty, 17; Junior, 14; Larry, 9; and Mickey, 7.

Wearing civilian clothes for the first time in almost 28 years, Gaffney is now employed as a guard at San Quentin Prison and resides at 207 Bridgeway, Sausalito, Calif.

'Points' Make Headlines Fighters, Fathers First in Line

Civil Service Jobs For All Vets in La.

Members of the armed forces who are from the State of Louisiana may compete in examinations now being given by the State Civil Service department.

Wherever a soldier, sailor or marine may be serving, he may file an application for an examination. The applicant may name chaplains, Red Cross personnel or other civil service agencies to give the examinations.

Those that pass the exam will be placed on the eligible list for three years. They will be given state employment upon discharge from the service.

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Save A Life Tomorrow
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Though peace was the intoxicating subject throughout the land last week with cities and hamlets preparing for V-Day celebrations, the Army made it clear that military victory in Europe would be only a "phase" in the coming peace.

Soldiers were reminded that Japan had to be dealt with, and were ordered not to assist in any of the planned V-Day celebrations.

While the big news for many civilians was reconversion, the GI newsworthy subject was the "point system" of the demobilization and readjustment plan that is to come after the cessation of hostilities in Europe.

It is too early to give clear and concise statements as to who is to be discharged and who is to be retained; who is to police Europe and who is to be in on the Tokyo defeat. Individuals considered "surplus to the needs of the theatre or major command in which they are serving" will be returned to the states and discharged, according to the "point system" plan.

Those with battle records and families are to be given first consideration, according to present plans, with men vital to industry also given prime consideration. Points will be given for length of service, service overseas, combat engagements and parenthood.

Troops serving in the Southwest Pacific and other theatres of war far from the European continent will be given equal consideration with Yanks who have crushed the Siegfried Line.

Identification Cards To be Issued to Vets

So that discharged veterans of World War II as well as of all previous wars can readily establish their identity with the U. S. Employment Service in seeking employment the War Manpower Commission has announced that it will soon have available identification cards.

Entitlement to these cards, which is the first identification system established, will be through discharge certificates for service by men and women in World War II, World War I, Spanish-American War, Philippine Rebellion of 1898 and Boxer rebellion of 1900.

Prison inmates prefer travel literature to almost any other kind of reading, according to a recent report of the New York Library Association.

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FOR INSPIRATION, guidance and information to the soldier the Army-YMCA at the Presidio has a large selection of interesting booklets. There is some straight forward thinking on subjects that are important to men in the service. Favorite booklets are those that explain fatigue, "Tired?" and those that give the honest low-down on the

effects of liquor, "How Much Do I Know About Alcohol?" Some straight-forward advice on getting along in the Army goes under the title of "How to Get Along in the Service." Though these booklets have been designed for overseas troops, men of this command may obtain copies at the Army 'Y.'

ACTION AT STONEMAN

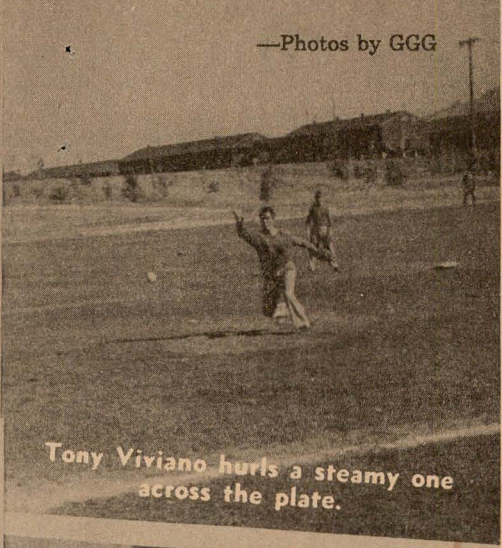
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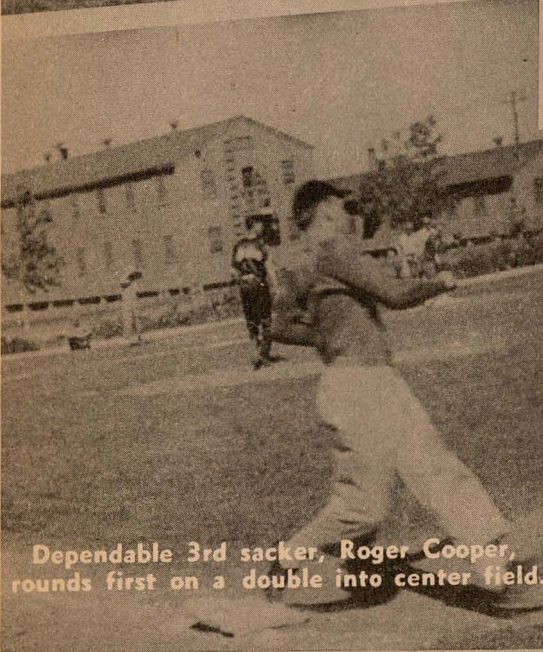
Pitcher Lewandowski waits for that walk.



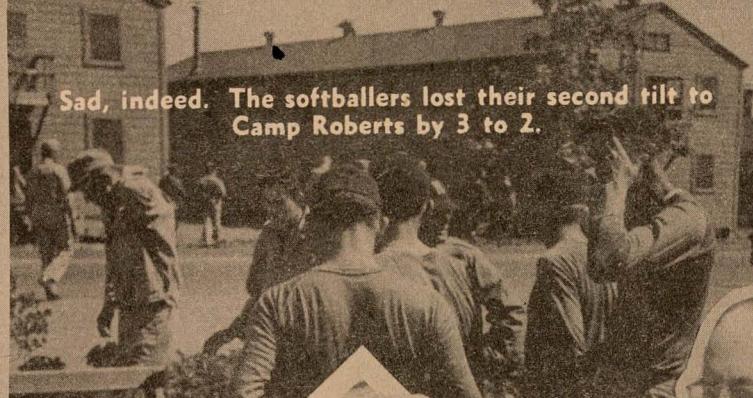
Catcher Carl Lyon sends one for a loop.



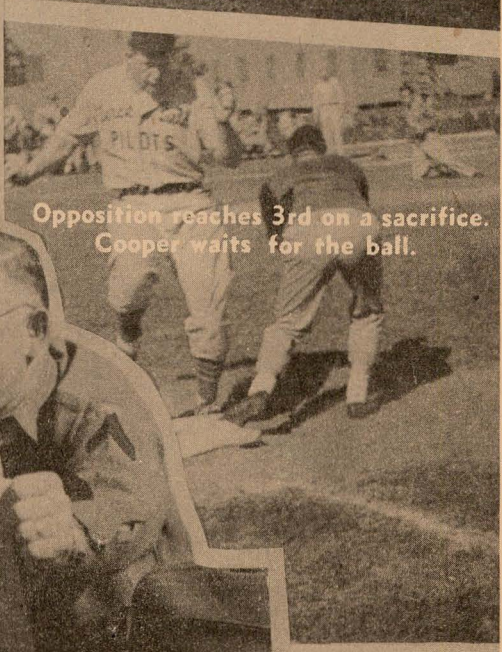
Tony Viviano hurls a steamy one across the plate.



Dependable 3rd sacker, Roger Cooper, rounds first on a double into center field.



Sad, indeed. The softballers lost their second tilt to Camp Roberts by 3 to 2.

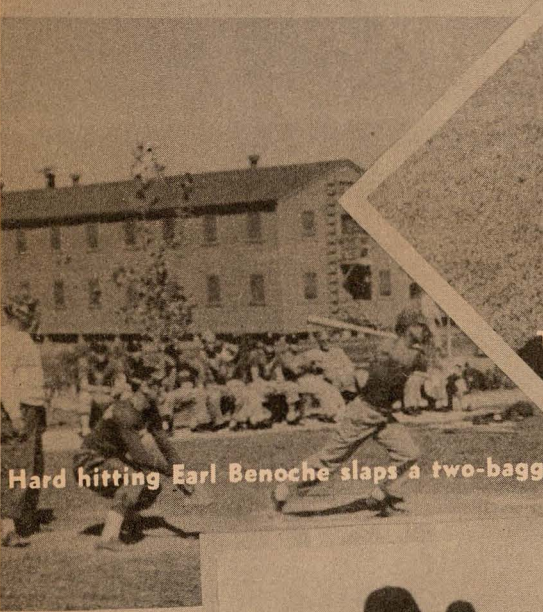


Opposition reaches 3rd on a sacrifice. Cooper waits for the ball.

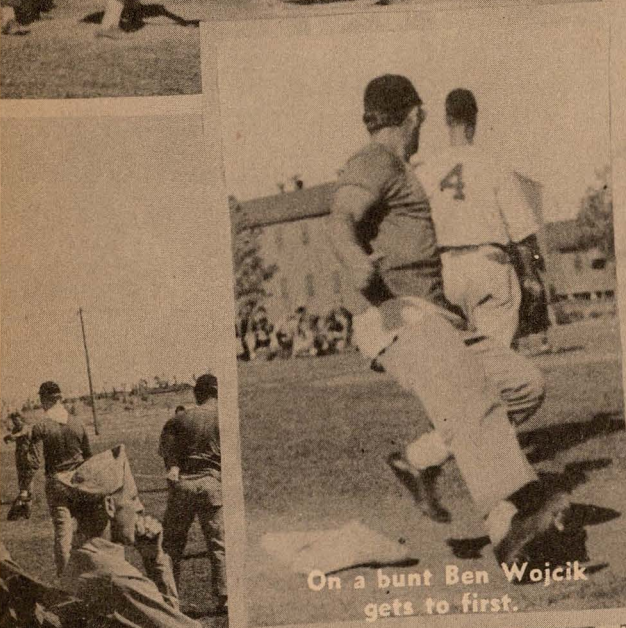


Huba! Huba!

Tony Viviano gets his shoes taped up by Capt. James Hardy and Ben Wojcik.



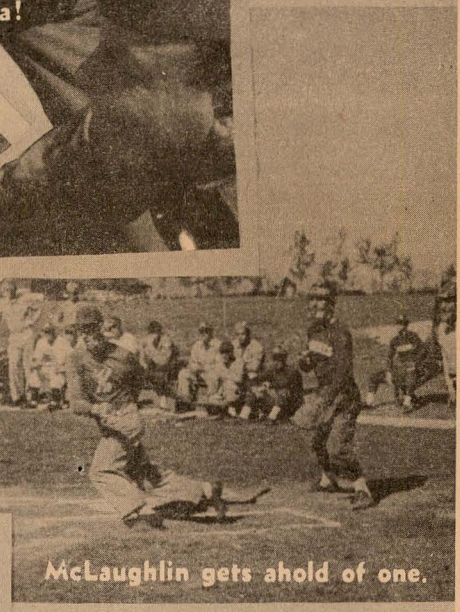
Hard hitting Earl Benoche slaps a two-bagger.



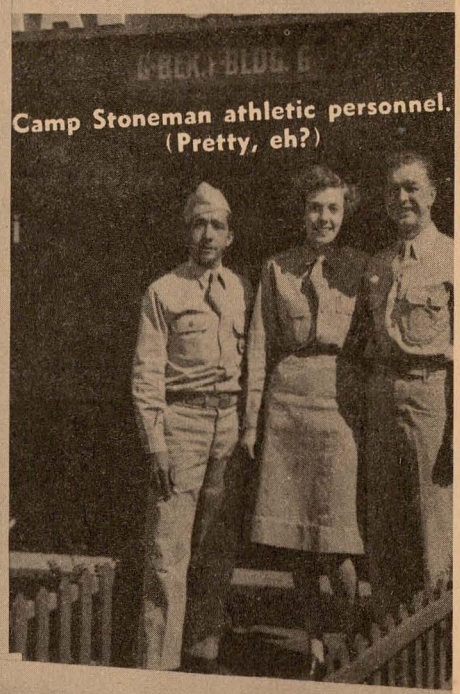
On a bunt Ben Wojcik gets to first.



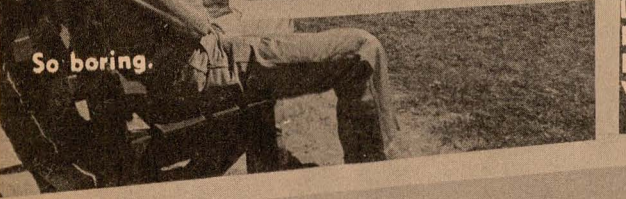
Left to right: Carl Lyon, Joe Mazur, Al Luplow, George Hughs, Earl Benoche, Wally Erdman, Johnny Lewandowski, Ed McLaughlin, Capt. James Hardy, Ted Lipczynski, Ben Wojcik, John Sarafolean, Roger Cooper, Bob Smith, George Brooks, Tony Viviano.



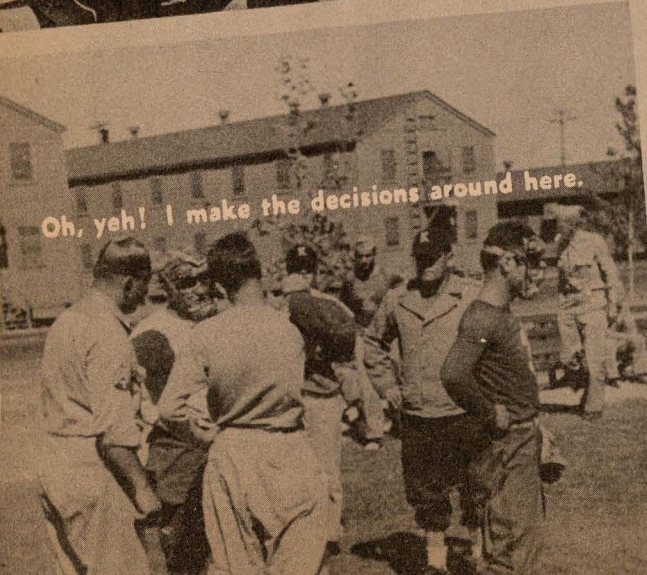
McLaughlin gets ahold of one.



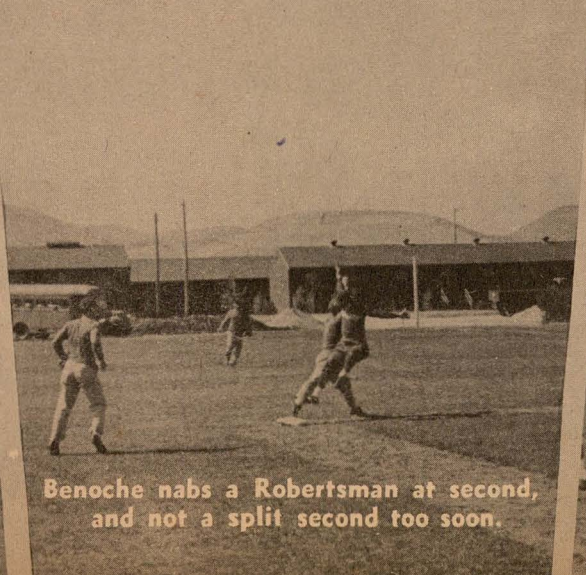
Camp Stoneman athletic personnel. (Pretty, eh?)



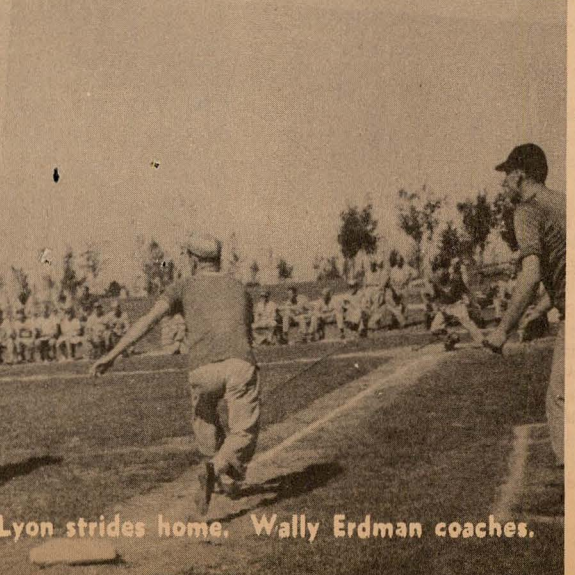
So boring.



Oh, yeh! I make the decisions around here.



Benoche nabs a Robertsman at second, and not a split second too soon.



Lyon strides home. Wally Erdman coaches.



A LARGE MURAL is being painted on the mess hall wall at I-6th, Fort Barry, by Cpl. Otis Langford, talented GI artist. The mural is being done with ordinary house paint and enamel. After completing this job, Langford plans to do several other smaller murals in the 'I' Battery chow house.



FOXY CATCH—Cpl. Pedro Avvacoto is shown holding a baby gray fox that Lt. Albert Signorelli found on a road leading to the Beach. It was nursed to health and recently given its freedom. (Photo by T-5 John O'Donnell.)

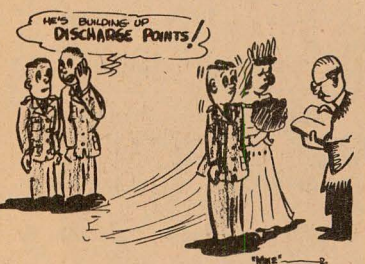
"K" KAPERS

By Harry L. Kane

Good news for all HDSF-ers. Their representatives in the softball play-offs at Camp Stoneman really went to town. 'K' played six games in three days. Three of these games were played on Sunday. Although we came out second best, no one has to apologize. We beat the state champs and the runners-up the same day.

Every member of the team was outstanding. 'Fats' Lyon, Hq-6th, caught the series with a bum hand. Congrats to Tony Viviano, Johnny Lewandowski for their sharp pitching. Johnny pitched against Merced AAF with Priest on the mound for Merced. We collected three hits and they had two. Not bad, Bud.

Has anyone heard any rumors lately? The place is overflowing with them. Ted Lipczynski is run-



ning home to tie the knot so he can have more points.

The BC encourages the men to go to OCS and the battery clerk discourages them. What's the matter, Mac, do you need another type-writer?

The boys in the outfit have sad faces. Reason: 1st Sgt. Tom Gaffney has retired. He spent many years helping the guys in 'K' along the road. If this were the Navy the saying would be "well done." Nevertheless it still goes.

What happened to Jack Chaney the evening of Sgt. Gaffney's farewell dinner? We can see that Jack isn't a 3.2 man. Maybe 'Gassey' Haynes could give him a few points.

The battery lost two of their best men when Coach Joe Mazur and

Exchange Box

Cpl. Murray Barbash recently won the cartoon contest sponsored by the Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Blazon. In all, five prizes were awarded for the winning camp cartoons . . . Bill Tilden, still a great tennis player, appeared at an exhibition at Chanute Field, Ill., according to the News . . . The Camp Davis AA Barrage, runner-up in the CNS contest, scored again with a nice layout featuring enlisted men volunteering for service with the Infantry.

According to the Camp Carson, Colo., Mountaineer, the PX gave away 2,948 gallons of beer celebrating their second birthday . . . "Danger! Mines!" featured a sensational picture spread in a recent issue of the Camp Haan, Calif., Tracer.

Activation of an Italian Service Unit for QM duty was given top display by the Fort Wayne, Detroit, Mich., Truck Tracks . . . Former 1938-39 Golden Gate Exposition "elephant trains" are being used for intra-post transportation (for nix) at Camp Cooke, Calif., according to the Clarion . . . Prisoners of War are working on Oregon farms near Camp White, according to The Grenade.

The Air Force receiving pool at Tyndall Field, Fla., has been named Trigger Town by the Target, camp blat . . . Katherine Cornell appeared in "Lovers and Friends," her Broadway show, for soldiers at Fort George Meade, Md., according to the Post . . . Father and son who were on KP at the same post got good spot in The Nooz, Camp Upton, N. Y.

The Camp Hood, Texas, News calls their Infantry commando school "Killers Kollege."

Battle Promotions Plan Is Hailed by the WD

Battlefield appointments of warrant officers and enlisted men to be commissioned officers has become one of the best means of securing competent combat leadership, the War Department has learned.

More than 200 of these appointments were made in the North African Theater and all of these men subsequently have conducted themselves with credit as officers. It is estimated that within the next year, approximately 6,000 more of these combat appointments will be made, according to the WD dispatch.

Transportation leaves every Thursday at 1430 from Post Headquarters, Fort Scott, to and from the Blood Bank. Phone 3687 for appointment.

Ben J. Wojcik left. Their loss will be felt by the local ten, but will not hamper the HDSF team. They are on duty at 'N' Battery, Fort Scott.

Wonder if Lloyd McFarland is getting ready for the \$22.00 allotment? He certainly takes enough passes to be a married man.

Have you seen our new DRO's? 'Red' Smith and 'Peasoup' Caron look plenty sharp in their whites. But, 'Red,' what is the addition under your chest?

Wonder if the 1st Sgt. has found out who is McLaughlin and who is McFarland? Hey, 'Smitty,' what's in the little black book?

Hospital Doings

Play Featured in Rec Hall Tonite

The popular Ross Players of Ross, Calif., Barn Door Canteen, will present one of their plays for patients of the Fort Baker station hospital tonight at 1830 under sponsorship of the American Red Cross.

The Red Cross also arranged for a special play reading group, headed by Mrs. Hammon Wright and Mr. William Gwinn of Sausalito, to read patients the popular Broadway presentation, "The Voice of the Turtle." Both Mrs. Wright and Mr. Gwinn are professional readers. The reading will be held Mon., Sept. 18, at 1830.

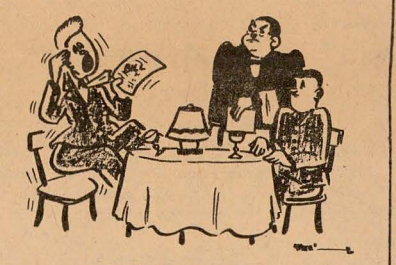
One of the best times patients have had in some time took place Tuesday evening, Sept. 5, when the ARC hospital gals brought over the Young Ladies Institute of Sausalito for an evening of games. In addition to the games, the comely misses gave the soldiers a fashion show which proved to be slightly sensational.

I AT BARRY

Sgt. Joe Bosi, ex-Hollywood movie lion tamer, admits that getting into a cage with one of the jungle beasts is kid play in comparison to becoming a father. His wife in Los Angeles presented him with a plus-seven pound baby daughter last week and the event really had him sweating.

That glazed, out-of-this-world look in the orbs of Sgt. Cyril Merkle, ex-'I' Battery soldier, currently sergeant major of 2nd Bn., is not from eating green persimmons. It's just that he "burdened" himself with a wife while on furlough recently in Alton, Ill. Jonita is her name, and the old mates at 'I' are looking for some kind of a handout.

Sgt. Russ Martin should time his invitations to attend night club floor shows a little better, according to T-5 Bus Rowland. It seems Russ invited the pudgy Rowland into a swank night club the other



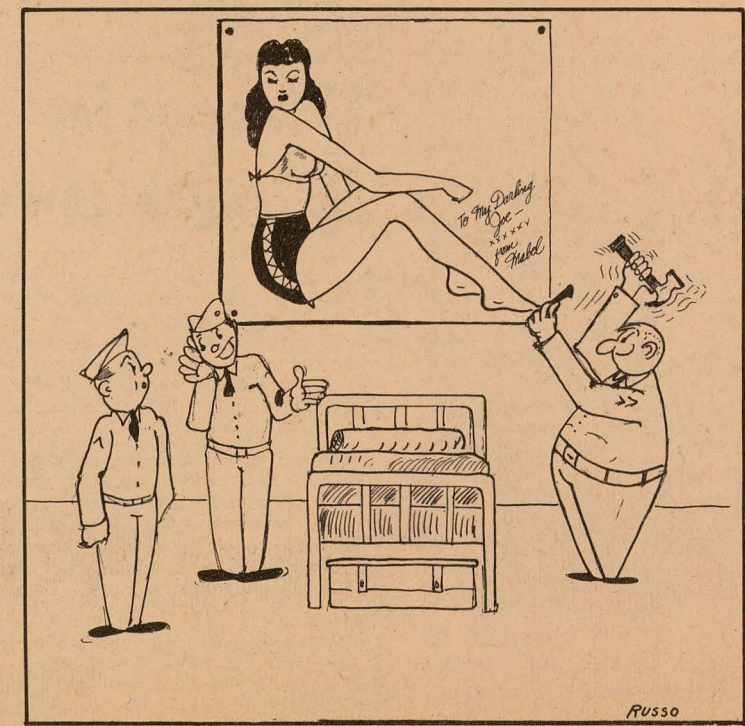
eve, ordered a couple of drinks that practically swallowed a month's payroll, and looked up only to find the show over and not to be repeated for another couple of hours. "My payroll shot and no pretty girls to look at," moaned Rowland, who footed the bill.

Lt. Mario Paolini and Cpl. Phil Albanese are attending the rugged commando school at Fort Cronkhite. Meanwhile, Cpl. Al Manmiller has a very pretty certificate of graduation, showing that he has completed his session at the school.

Those fellas walking around the plotting room with blazing new Model T stripes on their arms are Woody Wyant and Bob Lingenfelder.

Cpl. Joe Cichon furloughing in East St. Louis, Ill., reports that it's the first time he has seen his latest addition to the family tree.

Pvt. Ed Aduskevich is sweating out the return of T-5 John Kresic



"GUESS Joe's getting serious, huh?"



TAKE INTERVAL TO THE LEFT—These fish may have their mouths open, but they're hardly in a position to talk back to Sgt. Kilian, Battery Land, who recently landed the buggers (left to right: 20 lbs., 40 lbs., 16 lbs.) around China Beach. It was the battery feast last week. Sgt. Roman Milos has been accredited with an assist—he helped lug the catch home. (Photo by Kenneth Strelow)



SANS VEGETATION—On the craniums of these former Fort Barry dogfaces there grows occasionally a whisp that curls handsomely with the fog. There is joy on their faces—no dandruff.

Look, But no Laffs

Yes sir-ee, fellas! It's perfectly okeh down in the Gilbert Islands to watch the native gals while they bathe nude in the lagoons.

But Uncle Sam's soldiers, who elect to go in for this form of diversion when they're not hunting Jap rats or battling insects, are given this warning: "Don't laugh at the lassies because that embarrasses them, according to a native chief."

who is on furlough. "A guy just can't save a dime with Kresic around," Ed moans, counting the greenbacks he has managed to receive from the boys while John is gone.

THE LOST BATTALION

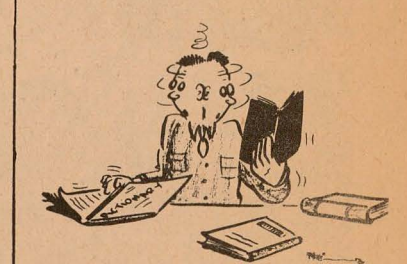
Today we wish to throw a bouquet in the direction of one John Johnston our recently promoted 1st sergeant. The new top-kick came to us as a staff and has quickly made a good name for himself.

Cpl. Robert Cipcer is now among the departed. Bob left for OCS in the transportation corps, and is now frolicing among the dark eyed beauties of New Orleans.

Another spot is empty around here, too. Pfc Paul M. Robertson, one of our ace hash slingers, was recently transferred to Camp Cooke. He recently visited us and we detected a slight longing look in his eyes as he surveyed Happy Valley. Best of luck to you, cookee!

Cpl. Richard Schenbeck is once more back behind the wheel of Col. Schonher's car. Dick recently returned from an Illinois furlough.

T-5 Bill Smith has bought himself a book. We are now looking for an interpreter to read it to us. Bill sits with the book in one hand and a dictionary in the other and still



no soap. The major complaint is that whenever the reading gets "good" the darn thing lapses into Latin. We wouldn't tell you the name of the book—don't even know if Bill could tell you.

Save a fighting buddy's life tomorrow. Donate a pint of blood today. Phone 3687 for appointment.

F-6th, 'Dark Horse,' Nabs HDSF Track Crown

Favorites Upset; Hibbard Is Star

Led by their two supermen, T-5 Fred Watson and S/Sgt. Francis Keane, F-6th, Fort Baker, placed one-two in the point-laden "septathalon" to upset all dope and nab the Harbor Defense track and field championship held at the Fort Scott field, Sat., Sept. 2.

'F' snagged 18 points in the seven-event affair, more than enough to beat two leading contenders, A-6th of Fort Scott and C-6th of Fort Funston, who fielded strong teams. 'F' tallied a total of 27 points against 21 for 'A' and 19 for 'C.'

'F' Battery picked up their other points in the "battalion events," getting five for their battalion winning the tug of war, and for placing first in the Izzy-Dizzy and Circle races and third in the HDSF Derby.

Tough Going

Watson, who won the title of the "most physically fit soldier in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco," had no easy time with the septathalon. In totaling 497 points, he marked a "Good" rating on the TC-87 physical efficiency chart, while the remaining nine contestants were classified as "Average." The event was under the direction of Sgt. Dean Kloepfer, Hospital Co., Fort Baker.

Cpl. Norman Hibbard, of 1-6th, proved the wizard in track events. The speedy Lion won the century, placed second in the tough 300-yard run, tied for second in the high jump and anchored his battery team to a third place in the 400-yard shuttle relay. This brought his afternoon's individual total to 8 1/4 points to take meet honors.

Spectacular Race

The 300-yard dash proved to be the thriller of the afternoon with Pvt. Ken Smith of 'G' matching stride for stride the long-legged T-5 Frank Kennedy, 'E,' a pre-race favorite. In his bid for the tape Kennedy faltered and fell two yards from the finish, Smith winning and Hibbard and Cpl. James Mantooth of C-6th pulling into second and third.

Pfc Al Couture easily snagged the 2 1/2-mile marathon run, beating his nearest competitor, Sgt. Ed Barrow, A-6th, by some 50 yards. A great race for third spot devel-

What Kind of Creature Is 'Superman' Watson?

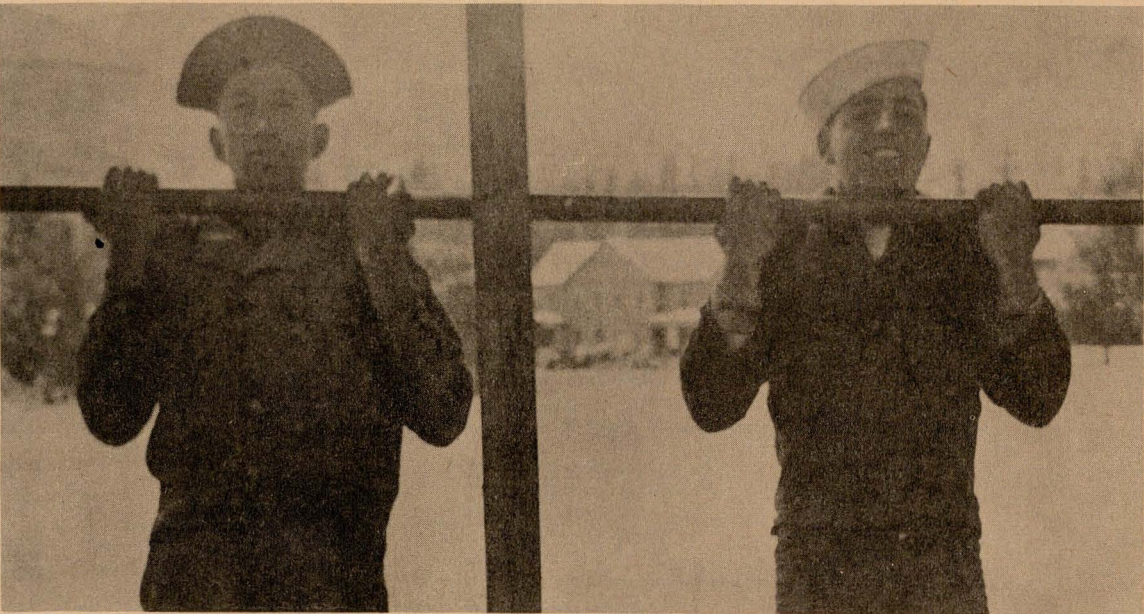
What does it take to be the "HD SF Superman?"

This question can be answered by taking a squint at the physical efficiency chart as outlined in the War Department's much-heard TC-87, and demonstrated by T-5 Fred Watson, the Harbor Defense's "most physically-fit soldier" who won the title at the track meet Sept. 2.

Watson, the chart shows, completed 20 pullups to lead the ten contestant in that event of the "Septathalon," or two more than is required for an "excellent" rating. He also led in the burpee with 12 for a rating of "good."

He failed to lead the five other events, Pfc. Burr Glascock, N-6th, completed 47 squat jumps for an "excellent rating" and also tallied the most points in the 100 yard pick-a-back, 30, for a rating of "Good." Pfc Elmer Hemmeger, Mine Flotilla ace, outlasted competitors with 31 pushups to gain an "average" rating, while Pfc Bill James, also from the Mine Flotilla, won the sit-up competition with 68, an "excellent" rate. For winning the rugged 300 yard run, Pvt. Ampolin Flores, B-6th, gained 51 points and an "average" classification.

Watson, however, placed within the first four of all the events and consequently built up enough points to win the coveted title.



'F' BATTERY'S 'SUPERMEN,' T-5 Fred Watson, left, and S/Sgt. Francis Keane, work out on the bars at Fort Baker. These two soldiers proved they were really in top physical shape by placing one-two in the rugged "septathalon" at the track meet September 2.

WO Anderson Hurls 4th Bn. Into Lead

Officers of the 4th Bn. jumped into the Harbor Defense softball league as W. O. Anderson hurled the team to a 7 to 4 victory over the HDSF Staff Officers at Fort Scott last week. The team has one win against no losses.

The Staff Officers, with Maj. John Keeton getting credit for the win, nipped the 3rd Bn. ten, 12 to 10, in two extra innings. The 3rd Bn. picked up a win via forfeit as the fourth team in the league, composed of a combined 1st Bn-2nd Bn. set-up, was unable to appear.

In a game played at Fort Scott last Friday afternoon, the 6th C. A. officers mopped up the SCU officers, 31 to 3, in a challenge match.



CPL. NORMAN HIBBARD, 1-6th, Fort Barry, proved himself to be the "HDSF's fastest human" at the Sept. 2 track and field meet by copping the 100-yard dash with ease—and in GI brogans, too. Norm, weighing 165 pounds and standing 5 ft. 11 in., is an all-around athlete from Alton, Ill.

Lions Edge McClellan; Fumble Others

After beating one of the strongest service teams in California, the Fort Barry Lions fumbled away their chance to win the Central Security District, Ninth Service Command, baseball crown by dropping a double header to become eliminated from the tournament held at the Presidio last weekend.

T-4 Ralph 'Speedy' Hund turned in a four-hit masterpiece for the Lions as the Barrymen played errorless ball to whip the favored McClellan Field nine, 2 to 0, Friday afternoon. Both runs came in the fourth frame when T-5 Bus Rowland led off the inning with a double, followed by Hibbard's single, driving in the first tally. Sgt. Ray Smith drove in the other run later in the same inning, Hibbard scoring.

Mole, McClellan infielder, was the only man to damage Hund's record, slapping a double in the fifth which did no damage. Hund registered 12 strikeouts and four walks.

Saturday's games were different, however. The Lions lost their first game to the Stockton Field nine, 11 to 2, but it was 12 Barry errors that told the story. Sgt. Ed Hooven lasted but two innings for the Lions, Sgt. Carrol Oswalt completing the game and getting very poor infield support. Both Lion runs came in on a double by S/Sgt. Joe Grinus, first baseman.

Playing tight ball for six innings before blowing up, the artillerymen finally weakened to enable the Presidio All-Stars to outscore them, 8 to 3. The Lions outhit the winners, but the injury of Sgt. 'Monk' Wade, scrappy shortstop, in the fatal sixth proved the turning point. Pvt. Don Weber, who started on the mound, developed a sore arm in this inning and was relieved by T-5 Harry Wright, but not before the damage had been done.

The Barry nine tallied one run in the second inning with Sgt. Joe

Fernandez' hit doing the trick, and two more in the third inning with hits by Langford, Wade, Hooven and a double by Grinus doing the work.

Stockton eventually won the crown, defeating the Presidio, 7 to 3, Sunday, with Alex Kampouris' triple with the bases loaded turning the tide in the sixth inning. They play at Santa Barbara Sept. 17-18-19.

	R.	H.	E.
Lions	2	6	0
McClellan	0	4	1

Hund and Rowland; Lang and Agler.

Lions	2	5	12
Stockton	11	8	1

Hooven, Oswalt and Rowland; Bischoff and McNabb.

Lions	3	8	1
Presidio	8	6	2

Weber, Wright and Hooven; Mangone and Payne.

'K' Ten Tops Foe For League Crown

K - HDSF softballers continued their practice of walking away with softball trophies last week when Cpl. Johnny Lewandowski hurled the local club to a 9 to 3 upset win over the strong Schenley team for the championship of the A-2 division of the San Francisco Recreation Dept. softball circuit.

The Harbor Defensers tagged Grayson, Schenley's vaunted twirler, for 12 blows and started things off in the third inning with a six-run barrage on five hits, one of them a double by Lewandowski and a base-clearing triple by Pfc Roger Cooper.

Pfc George Brooks' three-bagger in the fifth and Cpl. Ted Lipczynski's triple in the sixth accounted for two additional tallies. Lewandowski, in addition to striking out five batters, got three blows in four times

HDSF Track, Field Results

100 Yard Dash—Won by Hibbard (I); Gentile (C); Lingenfelter (I). Time: 11.8

300 Yard Dash—Won by Smith (G); Hibbard (I); Mantooth (C). Time: 40.8

400 Yard Shuttle Relay—Won by C-6th (Ripy, Sorotti, Mooney, Gentile); K-6th (McFarland, Campbell, Dilbeck, Cannon); I-6th (Fleming, Reece, Lingenfelter, Hibbard). Time: 49.0

High Jump—Won by Kennedy (E); Hibbard (I) and Copeland (G), tie. Height: 5 ft. 4 in.

2 1/2 Mile Marathon—Won by Couture (Hq); Barrow (A); Monks (K); Spencer (A); Elias (MF). Time: 13:14.6

Tug of War—Won by 4th Bn; 3rd Bn; 1st Bn.

Izzy-Dizzy Race—Won by 3rd Bn; 1st Bn; 4th Bn.

Circle Race—Won by 3rd Bn; 1st Bn; 4th Bn.

HDSF Derby—Won by 1st Bn; 4th Bn; 3rd Bn.

Septathalon—Won by Watson (F) 497; Keane (F) 438; James (MF) 387; Glascock (N) 371; Hemmeger (MF) 364; Flores (B) 352; Mesuraca (E) 330; Kuceyeski (B) 300; Hullett (N) 294; Ide (N) 282.

Battery Scores: F-6th, 27; A-6th, 21; C-6th, K-6th and Mine Flotilla, 19; G-6th, 15; N-6th, 14; I-6th, and E-6th, 12; Hq-6th, 10; B-6th, and D-6th, 9; H-6th 0.

at bat, including a double and a triple.

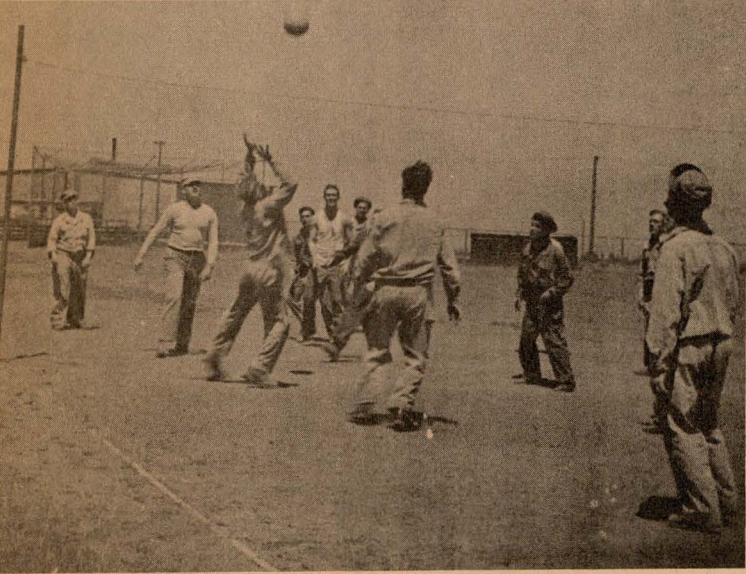
The team is scheduled to meet the strong Coast Guard Surf Riders for the city championship.

	R	H	E
K-HDSF	9	12	0
Schenley	3	7	2

Lewandowski and Lyon; Grayson and Mich.

FREE DUCATS COMING

Free tickets to various Bay Area football games in September are slated to go on distribution to Harbor Defense soldiers sometime next week, according to the special service offices. A limited number of ducats will be available, however.



UP INTO THE AIR and over the net goes the volleyball hit by an artilleryman from N-6th, Fort Scott. 'N' Battery soldiers play this intriguing game almost every day at noon-time or during their spare minutes. Volleyball is a good conditioner. (Photo by GGG.)



Where was the 2nd Bn?

One of the disappointments of the track and field meet held Sept. 2 at Fort Scott was the absence of any semblance of a team to represent the 2nd Bn. Their absence was felt especially by T Battery, which, had it had battalion support, could have possibly won the HDSF title.

Cpl. Norm Hibbard turned in a brilliant display on the cinders, scoring more than 8 of his team's total of 12. It is interesting to note that not one of I-6th's points came from battalion events. If the meet was to be decided solely on standard track and field events the Barry battery would have won, hands down.

The Lions made the mistake of playing baseball the same afternoon, consequently many fine athletes were not at the meet. This corner still believes that T has given more to HDSF athletics than any other single outfit around here.

However, T Battery performed a mighty neat trick in coping the meet, thanks to that one-two in the septathalon and strong battalion support. A and C Batteries did some nice all-around work and may have won the meet had there been enough time to hold the broad jump and grenade throw.

NOTES FROM THE CUFF: Cpl. Luplow, fleet-footed center-fielder for the K-HDSF softball club, gave the team pitching staff plenty of defensive support last week at the Camp Stoneman playoffs. The speedy ball hawk nabbed several drives that were labeled extra base hits . . . The softball team's showing at Stoneman just proves a point we have been harping on for some time: Our HDSF has some exceptional athletes and can hold its own in almost any competition. If so—then why no HDSF bowling team rolling in Bay Area competition?

Pvt. Stan Rosenstock, C-6th, was unable to compete in the quarter-finals, being on furlough. Cpl. Henry Ghiron subbed for him, burning in a creditable performance against Pvt. Charles Fox, Hq-SCU.

H-BARRY

By Pfc Dick Hamilton

Once again the Service Flag in the window. Lt. Roy R. Borgonovo left H Battery for duties with the Army Ground Forces at Fort Ord. Lots of luck with your new assignment, Lieutenant.

There is never a loss without a gain and we're glad to have Lt. John W. Cavanaugh with us.

When an aircraft target made a forced landing in the bay the other afternoon, H Battery's ace reporter was sunning himself on the bluff, (and with a pair of field glasses, too). Oh well, they woke him up in time to see the rescue, anyway.

Pfc Modest Gibson was among the rescuers and when told that he



should get a medal he blushing said, "I don't want a medal; just give me a 3-day pass."

Sport Sketches

by Sgt. Mike Mikos



More on SOFTBALL

(Continued from Page 1)

after they would automatically cop the game.

The HDSF-ers first tasted defeat when Camp Roberts trickled in three runs in the 7th frame of the first game with the artillerymen to win by a 3 to 2 tab.

With Tony Viviano chucking, the HDSF-ers were ahead until the latter half of the 7th. In the HDSF half of the inning Viviano was caught off second, and while attempting a recover by sliding into the bag, sprained his right hand.

Lions Fumble To 12-10 Win

In a wild game that would challenge the thrills of a three-ring circus, the Fort Barry Lion baseball team fumbled their way to a high-scoring 12 to 10 win over the Hamilton Field ATC nine last week at San Rafael.

The ATC outfit blew a six-run, 10 to 4, lead in the fourth inning when the Lions poured across five runs on two hits, two errors and a homer by T-4 'Speedy' Hund, Lion hurler. The Barrymen added two more in the sixth on Fernandez' two-bagger, an error and Merkle's single to sew up the game.

Hund struck out seven batters and was the hitting luminary of the contest, whacking four for five, including a homer and double. Berzonsky and Fernandez each collected three blows.

In a game played earlier in the week, the Lions edged the strong Gordon Realty nine, 6 to 5, with Pvt. Don Weber coming through as relief hurler to be credited with the win after the starting pitcher, T-5 Harry Wright, weakened in the fourth.

Weber won his own ball game driving in the winning run in the ninth inning with a single after Kafer and Stosky had cracked hits. The red-head whiffed six batters and allowed three hits in the five frames he worked.

	R	H	E
Lions	12	18	8
ATC	10	12	3
Hund and Bistry, Hooven; Freeman and Williams.			

Lions	6	10	4
Realty	5	8	3
Wright, Weber and Hibbard, Rowland; Wentworth and Young.			

Bad Break

Viviano hurled the tale-telling inning by giving two walks and was on the verge of walking another. He requested to be relieved, though up to that time he had allowed only one hit, that a homer in the fourth. Lewandowski took over, but was unable to halt the scoring. Two men scored on two hits.

In a return engagement with Camp Roberts in the evening, Lewandowski pitching, Lyons catching, revenge was sweet to the tune of 16 to 0 in the 5th. In this debacle every man on the team scored at least once.

T-5 Carl Lyon, Hq-6th C. A., served behind the plate in every game, playing errorless ball. Pfc Roger Cooper on third and Cpl. Ted Lipczynski at short demonstrated some of the best fielding in the tournament.

Air Corps Throttled

With Camp Roberts polished off, the HDSF-ers sortied after Mather Field cracking them up, 7 to 3. In the hub-bub Lewandowski was stingy with three scattered hits. The Barrymen slugged out 8 bingos, one a homer by Pfc George Brooks, the left field "well," in the fourth frame.

When K-HDSF was first confronted with "State Champs" Merced, it appeared as if the artillerymen would be easy pickings. Merced was trouncing all teams.

Pitching fast ball with plenty of stuff and a "million dollar" infield back of him, Tony Viviano proved the Pilots easy picking.

In the seven innings of play H-Battery's chucker allowed three scratch hits, no runs. The HDSF-ers brought two across the plate, one of them scored by the steamy pitcher.

Up to this game Tomlinson, Merced's classy pitcher, did not allow a single run to score in the tournament.

Third Bn. Officers Lead Volleyball Go

Third Bn. officers, led by Lt. Col. John Schonher, are undefeated in the officers' volleyball league with two wins and no losses after three weeks of play.

Schonher's Boys' chalked up wins over HDSF Staff Officers and 2nd Bn. by straight games. Navy Officers were set back by 4th Bn., and HDSF Staff edged 1st Bn., two games to one.

Light Scores 6-3, 6-3 Semi-Final Win Over Losier; Meets Prestegard

It will be Cpl. Louis Licht, Hq-SCU, defending champ, against Chris Prestegard, SO 1/C, Navy Det., Fort Scott, for the 1944 Harbor Defense tennis crown this week after both netsters won their semifinal matches.

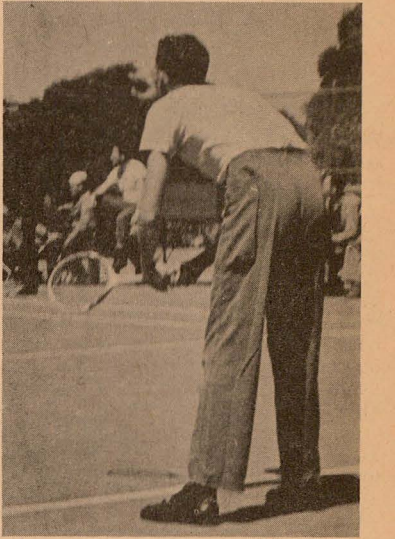
Licht turned on the heat to sink T-4 Jim Losier, C-6th, Fort Funston, 6-3, 6-3, while Prestegard dumped Pvt. Charles Fox, Hq-SCU, 6-0, 6-1.

Previously Losier had scored one of the major upsets of the competition in eliminating Sgt. Dean Kloefer, Hosp. Co. SCU, Fort Baker, 7-5, 6-2. Fox advanced to the semifinals with a comparatively easy win over Cpl. Harry Ghiron, C-6th, Fort Funston, 6-4, 6-2.

Ghiron substituted for Pvt. Stan Rosenstock, C-6th, who is on furlough and who was slated to meet Fox in the quarter final round.

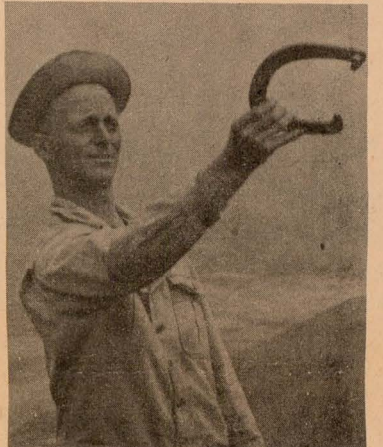
A doubles tournament will be held immediately upon the conclusion of the singles matches this week, the SSO announced. Various batteries are urged to forward doubles combinations to the office at Fort Scott immediately.

'\$7.50 gets you \$10.' GI Bonds are the buy.



WAITING FOR SERVICE is Pvt. Bob Mooney, C-6th, who lost his opening round match to Cpl. Louis Licht, Hq-SCU, defending champ, in the HDSF tennis tournament last week.

Olson, I-6th, Wins Golden Gate Horseshoe Title with 249 Ringers



DRAWING A BEAD on the stake is Pvt. Richard Olson, I-6th horseshoe twirler, who won the Golden Gate Park shoe title, Class B, last week. Olson is slated to show his stuff in the San Francisco City Championships Oct. 1.

Throwing an amazing total of 249 ringers in nine games, Pvt. Richard Olson, 38-year-old coast artilleryman from I-6th, Fort Barry, broke into the Bay Area sports spotlight Sept. 2-3 when he won the Class B division of the Golden Gate Park horseshoe tournament.

Olson, a native of Roseau, Minn., scored a 194 card in his Sept. 2 qualification trials, throwing 48 ringers out of 100 shoes. In the Sept. 3 finals, Class B, he won every game against nine competitors, 50-point games. In the final game, the Barry soldier edged the match favorite, Walter Mayson, 50 to 48.

Finishing behind Olson and Mayson were Al Fisher, Joe Greenlaw, Roy Schmitsinger, Roy Allison, Herman Johnson, Ray Tripp, John Cronin and Bob Taylor. Olson won the \$15 top purse made possible by members of the San Francisco Horseshoe Club's purchases of War Bonds.

Olson is slated to compete in the City Horseshoe Championships, Oct. 1, at Golden Gate Park, but because of his Class B win will be forced to compete in the Class A division. All Bay Area servicemen are invited to compete for nix, according to Joe Tway, meet director, and shoes will be furnished. Cups and medals will be awarded winners.

Miley Ten Bobbles Game to Engineers

Costly errors proved to be the downfall of the D-6th, Fort Miley, softball team last week when they wound up their play in the A-1 division of the San Francisco Recreation Dept. league by blowing a disappointing 9 to 4 game to General Engineering at Ralph Playground.

D' tallied four runs in the first inning. With two men on base, Plaskiewicz slammed a double, scoring both runners. Breaky singled, scoring Plaskiewicz, and after Breaky had been sacrificed to third base, he scored on a long fly.

The Engineers tallied one in their half of the first, but sowed up the game in the sixth and seventh innings with four runs in each frame.

The night before, however, the Miley men scored a 5 to 2 win over the Fort Mason officers at Funston Field. D' scored four runs in the second inning and one in the fifth.

DEADLINE

Deadline for all copy to appear in the next issue of The Golden Gate Guardian is Wed., Sept. 20. Art work and photographs must reach The GGG office by Friday of the same week.

Plaskiewicz was again the star with two singles and Lt. Wrase led the Mason outfit with a triple and a single.

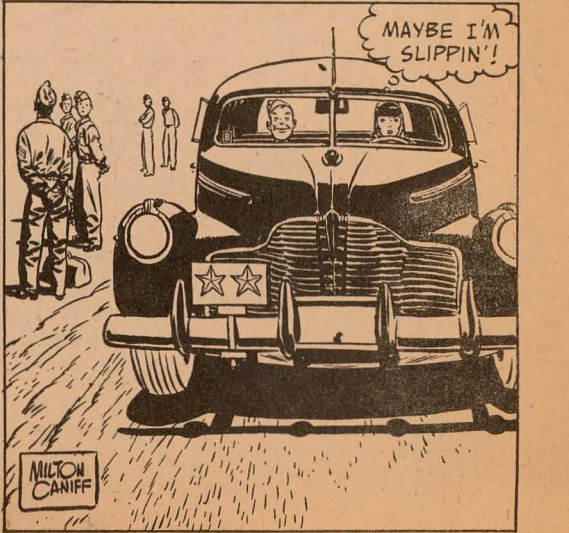
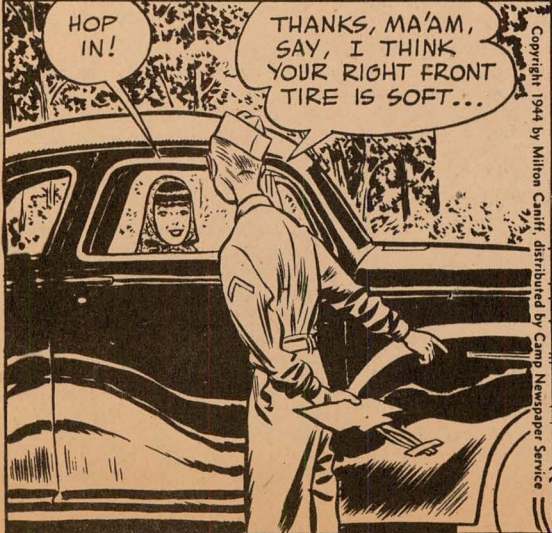
	R	H	E
D-6th	4	10	6
Engineers	9	5	1
Oliver and Conte; Pugh and Macolan.			

D-6th	5	11	0
Ft. Mason	2	4	1
Haley and Conte; Capp and Bell.			

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"

Anti-Personnel Bum





HOW IT WORKS—On the left Cpl. Phil Albanere, 1-6th, gets his commando trainee partner, Cpl. Jack Wise, E-6th, in a dreaded finger lock. On the right, Lt. Mario Paolina, 1-6th, gets Albanere in a "juggler death" grip. Col. Summer Tufts looks on. (Photos by GGG)



Ack-Ack Experts Being Seasoned At Bolsa Point

Knocking Messerschmitts and Zeroes from the skies will be duck soup for the AA artillerymen of these fortifications when they complete their two week training course at the Bolsa Point Antiaircraft Firing Range, near Pidgeon Point, according to the HDSF Plans and Training office.

At this training ground, noted for its sunny clime and outdoor activity, the HDSF-ers are having an opportunity to take cracks at many types of AA targets, flying at various heights and speeds.

According to Capt. James Hardy, range officer, the first groups now being trained, most of whom are from Batteries C, G and K, have shown marked improvement in their shooting after only a few practice periods.

Most of the targets do not fly straight courses; they maneuver very similar to combat aircraft. It is believed that every AA unit in the command will have an opportunity to take this course, the P-T office announced.

Lt. William LaMee, III, is the assistant range officer.

SCU Discussion Classes Convene

Discussion classes on current events and the war for SCU personnel are to be held each Monday from 1800 to 1845, and all EM and Wacs will be assigned into special groups, it was recently announced by Lt. R. E. Charters, information and education officer.

Classes will be held in the Little Theatre, Bldg. 1, Courts Martial room, Bldg. 1, Chemical Warfare room, Bldg. 55-B, mess hall, Bldg. 8 and the Scott gymnasium.

Those selected to conduct the discussion groups are Sgt. James Overcast, Sgt. Thomas Crooks, T-4 Mer-Pfc Shook, S/Sgt. Earl Lake and Pfc James McNamara.

Army Disease Rate Lowest in History

Brig. Gen. James S. Simmons, chief of the Army's preventive medicine services, reports that the disease rate among American soldiers is now at the lowest level ever known in the U. S. Army history.

There have been no serious epidemics, in spite of the fact that Yanks have been exposed to every known disease under the worst variations of climate and bad field conditions.

The mark is only one-twentieth as high as the record for World War I, it was stated.

Dogfaces Get Chance to Mess Up Officers at Commando Combat School

One place the EM can rough up a lieutenant is at the Commando Combat School, Fort Cronkhite, where officers and EM are getting instruction together in the techniques of hand-to-hand combat and other death dealing tactics.

This class, which graduates in another week, has brought together selected artillerymen from various organizations in the HDSF and forts throughout the Northern California Sector.

Officers and dogfaces get the training together, according to Lt. Ralph Kemnitz, who supervises the greater portion of the instruction. No punches are pulled.

If a soldier rushes a golden-barred gent with fixed bayonet or knife, he is shown no mercy. An outstretched foot, a leverage hold on the arm, a twist and the knife-wielder goes tumbling along the ground, minus his weapon.

The same is true when a lieutenant takes after his EM partner. Bruises have no respect for rank—some of the nastiest injuries have been suffered by the officers.

The first Commando Combat School of the Northern California Sector was started little over a year ago exclusively for officers. It has since trained hundreds, including many enlisted men. Col. Sumner Tufts, director of the school, attests that many graduates are now serving with task forces throughout the world.

Bond Buyer Zarko Invests \$10,000

Champ War Bond purchaser in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco can very well be 1st Sgt. John Zarko, Battery B-6th C.A., who has upwards of \$10,000 invested in Uncle Sam's strongbox.

During the 5th War Loan Drive, the sarge plunked down \$1600 for a single Bond purchase. His other solid purchase was for \$1500 worth of Bonds last year.

Besides these lump buys, Sergeant Zarko has been on the \$100-Bond-a-month status for over two years.

He recently received a pleasant surprise when the finance office caught up on sending out Bonds to their GI customers. Zarko received 14 \$100 certificates at one time.

1st Sgt. John Zarko has been in the army 30 years.



'BUY BOMBS TO BUST THE BUMS' is the rough and ready slogan of 1st Sgt. John Zarko, Battery Baker, who has about ten grand invested in the certificates that pay off. An old timer, Zarko isn't old fashioned—he buys a \$100 Bond a month.



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All-Sepia Harlem Jive Acts in New USO Show

"What's Cookin'," an all-sepia vaudeville troupe, said to be one of USO-Camp Shows peppiest group, comes to these defenses for three days, Mon., Tues. and Wed., Oct. 2, 3 and 4, featuring Harlem headliners.

The jivey show goes in for sock comedy, hep talk and riff rhythms. Howell and Bowser head the show with comedy, singing and dancing. Bert Howell does things with the piano, violin and uke; Buddy Bowser is the funny man.

Fast Stepping

Danny Alexander is known as the "Whirlwind of Rhythm in Taps" and has a rep of being one of the fastest humans on the American stage. He does some fast stepping and clowning for his GI audience.

Herbie Cowens does some mean shuttling on the drums. He has rapped it out with Fletcher Henderson and some other big name bands. Herbie's strictly solid. Alice Tyson heads a line of six high stepping chorusters. They say Alice started her career as a jungle dancer.

Spic and Span

Hepcats from the Windy City area should recognize the names, Spic and Span, who do a novelty song and dance act. They appeared with Earl Hines at the Chicago World's Fair.

Boogy-woogy on the ivories is handled by talented Ruby William Walke.

"What's Cookin'" plays the Fort Barry theatre, Mon.; Baker Hospital, Tues. morning; Baker theatre, Tues. evening; Fort Scott theatre, Wed. Watch the DM for exact times.

Get Gifts Out Now to Yanks

Remember that the Christmas mailing period for the armed forces overseas ends October 15. Last year approximately 20 million packages were sent overseas and this year 70 million is the estimate for a similar period.

There are two important points to keep in mind.

First, if you know that the person in the armed service is serving in a remote theatre the gift should be mailed as early as possible in the mailing period. This will do much towards assuring delivery by Christmas at far-distant points and will also lessen the possibility of a log jam in the closing days of the mailing period.

Second, be sure that your package is correctly addressed and wrapped. These gifts mean a lot to the sender and to our men and women overseas. See that they arrive in good condition.

Former MP Head In D-Day Attack

Major Raymond Hartney stationed at Fort Scott in 1941-42 as Provost Marshal greeted old friends on a recent visit to the post.

The Major has been with the 9th Air Force Headquarters and took part in the invasion of Normandy.

The hedgerow fighting, as described by the erect officer, was about the toughest we encountered in the European theatre so far. Though, like General 'Ike' Eisenhower, Major Hartney refuses to make any definite prediction as to when V-Day in Europe will take place, he did hint that "it can't be too far off now."

'Point' Values

Here are the four factors which will govern release of certain men from the Army after the defeat of Germany, as announced recently by the War Department:

SERVICE CREDIT, based on the total number of months of Army service since Sept. 16, 1940, when the draft law became effective.

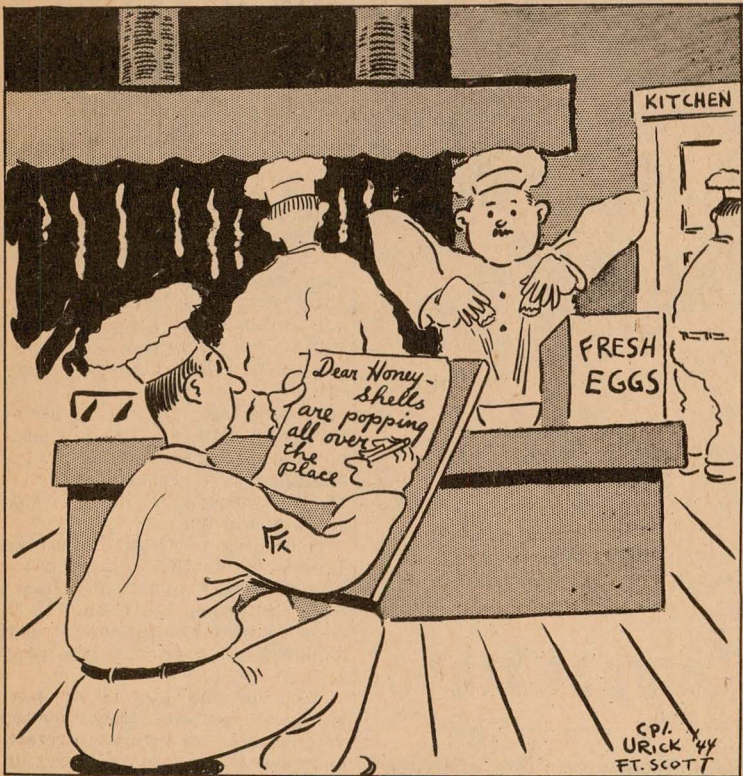
OVERSEAS CREDIT, based on the number of months overseas.

COMBAT CREDIT, based on each award of the Congressional Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Cross, Legion of Merit, Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Soldier's Medal Bronze Star, Air Medal, Purple Heart, and battle clasps on theater campaign ribbons.

DEPENDENCY CREDIT, based on each dependent child under 18 years of age, up to three children.



TOP NOTCHERS—These HDSF softballers rated plenty high in the recent Ninth Service Command softball play. (Story, page 6). Left to right: (Front) Cpl. Ben Wojcik, St. Paul, rf; Sgt. Wally Erdman, Ft. Collins, Colo., 1b; Cpl. Ed. McLaughlin, Reading, Pa., 2b; Pfc Roger Cooper, Greenfield, O., 3b; Cpl. Ted Lipczynski, Chicago, ss; Cpl. Carl Lyon, Detroit, c; (center) Cpl. Joe Mazur, Detroit, 2b, player-coach-manager; Cpl. George Hughs, Roanoke, Va., cf; Cpl. Johnny Lewandowski, Detroit, p; Cpl. Lloyd McFarland, Altoona, Pa., c; Sgt. Lloyd Hasselbusch, Clarence, Iowa, scf; Cpl. Tony Viviano, Chicago, p; (rear) Pfc Bill Murdy, Ottumwa, Iowa, 1b; Cpl. Al Luplow, Saginaw, Mich., cf; Pfc George Brooks, Youngstown, O., lf; Pfc Earl Benoche, Chicago, scf and Pvt. Bob Smith, Covington, Ky., lf. (Photo by GGG)



X Marks the Spot

When you receive your election ballot don't stuff it in your foot locker with your shoe polish and cigarets, meaning to fill it out at your convenience.

Mark it now. Comply with the directions, making sure to have it notarized by an officer, and return it to your home state.

That ballot represents one of the greatest privileges an American possesses—his right to designate whom he wishes to represent him in the White House for four years. Neglect that privilege and you also neglect your rights as a soldier and citizen.

An article appearing in a national magazine states that 30 million people of voting age will not cast a vote this year. The majority of delinquents, the article insists, are the youth of the nation.

Youth will play an important part in the reconstruction of the world after the war, and soldiers, most of whom are in their twenties, should take an active interest in their political as well as military leaders if they are to become an intelligent factor in the future of the nation.

What's In A Verse?

Prize winner of The GGG's first limerick contest is Lt. F. D. Saunders, G-6th C.A., Fort Baker, who penned the line, "and wished he was where he was not," to the first four lines of poetry printed under this heading in the last issue.

For his aptitude as a laureate, The Golden Gate Guardian presents Lieutenant Saunders with a theatre coupon book. Lieutenant Saunders also suggested the following limerick for this issue.

Fill in the last line and you may be the lucky winner of a theatre book next week. Send in as many suggestions as you wish before midnight of next Wednesday to The Golden Gate Guardian Verse Editor, Fort Scott.

They were having a dance at Fort Baker,
A GI asked a Wac could he take her.
The Wac hesitated,
Then said, quite elated—

(The last line must rhyme with the first two.)

"Perhaps, as many believe, out of all evil comes some good—and that one of the most important things to come out of this war will be a closer kinship with God."

—The News, San Quentin Prison.

"There are some who say the present American generation are molly-coddles. I don't believe that. I doubt if the Japanese believe it."

—Adm. Chester W. Nimitz.

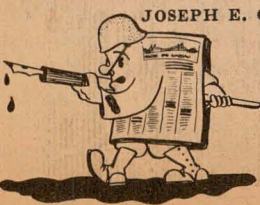
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Know Your Leaders

Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges
Nimrod of Nazis



By Pvt. Edward Wells

The trials and tribulations of Horatio Alger's heroes are pale tales beside the story of Lt. Gen. Courtney H. Hodges, First Army leader in France since August 14.

Against the wishes of his journalist father, 17-year-old Hodges wanted a military career. Appointed to West Point in 1904 Cadet Hodges found everything to his taste except conic sections in mathematics. For this deficiency he was dismissed at the end of his pleb year. To please his family he tried for a time to become a cotton seed buyer, but the Army was in his blood.

The Hard Way

In 1906 Courtney Hodges enlisted in Co. L 16th Inf. at Fort McPherson. In six months he was promoted to sergeant. At the end of his first hitch he was commissioned a 2nd lieutenant, just one year after his West Point classmates won their bars. Lieutenant Hodges' first assignment was in the Philippines. At the time of the Mexican border trouble he chased Villa back to the hills. Man hunting was a new application of what had been his life long hobby. Like his close friend and counterpart, General Bradley, he is a crack shot. In his career he has hunted bear and deer in Mexico, moose and caribou in Canada, and while in the "Islands" managed to

go on an expedition for wild cattle in Indo-China.

Skeet Shooter

Twice he captioned the Infantry team at the Camp Perry (Ohio) national matches. When too confined by Army duties he keeps in form with skeet shooting.

In July 1918 with the rank of Major, Hodges had his first chance at the Germans. Eleven days before the Armistice Major Hodges was entrusted with the order to locate a point where the Yanks could cross the Meuse. The spot he selected was 100 yards from a German strong point.

His unit slugged it out with the Heinies for twenty hours before the crossing could be made. He won the D. S. C. for this exploit, and later the Silver Star. Major Hodges' first line of duty in Germany was in the Army of Occupation not far from the position he now holds.

Returns to Point

As an Alger hero, between 1920-24 Major Hodges returned to West Point as an instructor.

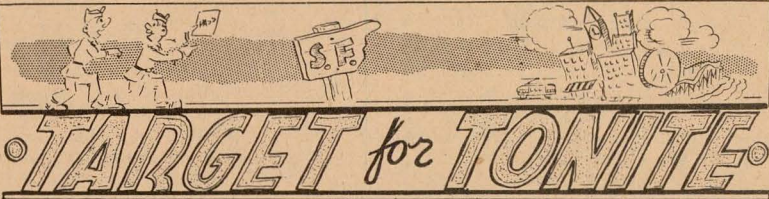
He was a marked man in peace time years graduating from the Artillery and Command and General Staff Schools in preparation for high rank. In the years 1929-33 he was a member of the Infantry Board. In 1940 he became Commandant with his first star. As Major General Hodges, Chief of Infantry, in 1941 he formulated the Army's infantry doctrines and incorporated air borne and parachute troops into his arm of the service.

The last month a string of 'firsts' have been added to General Hodges' record. His First Army fired the first shells into Nazi territory, and is the first to punch its way into German soil.

Last week this thin, gray haired, publicity hating teacher-soldier showed his tactical skill by pursuing his retreating enemy by parallel roads instead of entirely at the rear where the Nazis had always casually dropped delaying guard units. Without a real fight he bagged 1000 prisoners, including a few generals.

At the same time he pushed two other columns out to threaten the Belgian fortress of Liege.

It is a good bet that if General Hodges doesn't eat Thanksgiving dinner in Berlin it will be because of the poor quality of German turkey.



Salvador Dali, the surrealist, charges poor civilians \$200 to paint an exclusive necktie and around \$5,000 or more for their mugs according to Walter Winchell. Now if you G.I.'s realize how lucky you are, on your next visit to town stop in at the USO Club, 111 O'Farrell and have your portrait done for free by a volunteer artist. It will make a swell gift for the folks or the girl you left behind.

Mondays and Thursdays from 1500 to 1800 are for those who fancy themselves in water colors. Pencil sketches are made on Thursdays from 2000 to 2300. Ditto on Sundays. Tuesday nights the hours 2000 to 2300 will be reserved for silhouettes.

'Melerdramers'

If you are still trying to catch up with that movie you missed sometime in 1921 the San Francisco Museum of Arts invites you to be their guest any Tuesday evening at 2000. "Ruggles of Red Gap" with Charles Laughton and "Beau Brummel" with John Barrymore and Mary Astor will be on the program for the first two Tuesdays of October.

Starting September 29 you will not only be able to eat that 10 course Italian dinner but digest it too because the San Francisco Opera Season starts on that date and there is always plenty of good soldier standing room. Aida, Martha, Lakme, Manon, Falstaff, Faust and Carmen will run the gamut of tenors, lyric and mezzo's.

Pons, Albanese, Jagel, Jobin, Pinza and Votipka are some of the stars who will be in there pitching.

Keep your eye on the Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason, at Geary. It offers a galaxy of professional entertainment that makes Billy Rose look like the village 'smithy,' and don't be surprised if the month of October brings such guest stars as Olivia De Havilland and Frankie Masters and his orchestra.

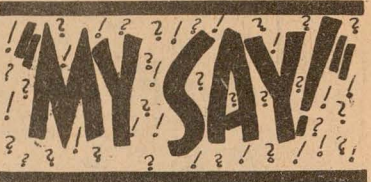
Exchange Box

The AA Barrage, runner-up camp newspaper in the recent world-wide GI blah contest, has suspended publication. The RTC at Camp Davis, N.C., is being abandoned and the paper sang it's swan song in a really sensational issue last month. All ack-acks are now being trained at their new home, Fort Bliss, Texas.

The Camp Haan, Calif., Tracy recently ran a nice review of Frank Sinatra's personal appearance at the air corps training center. The Tracer says he's a pretty good Joe and had the he-men audience singing his praise rather than giving with the expected cat-calls.

Sgt. Stan Drake, who draws Penny PeeX, a mighty sexy creature, for the Columbus, S. C., AAB Winged Star, has been transferred . . . The Castle, Fort Belvoir, Va., publication, is sponsoring a jingle contest, stressing motor vehicle safety. A carton of fags go to weekly winners . . . Newest sheet on our exchange list is the Sentry Box, from APO 851 and published in Puerto Rico with the coast artillery. Leading story is the transfer of Maj. Gen. William E. Shedd, Antilles CO, to the head of the Ninth Service Command at Fort Douglas, Utah.

One of the cleverest writers, we think, is a Marine who scribbles the adventures of Gherkin in the Parris Island, N. C., Boot . . . YANK-men M/Sgt. Joe McCarthy and S/Sgt. George Baker, originator of Sad Sack, visited Fort Dix, N. J., recently to see "Hi, Yank!" a post variety show which seems destined to go places.



Do you find the present demobilization plan as recently presented by the War Department in accordance with your views on the subject?



Pfc Cecil Hunt, Fort Scott

I am strictly in accord with the "point system." Those that have done the fighting should come home first.



T-5 William Bercowitz, Fort Scott

Yanks in combat areas overseas deserve the first breaks. Married men with children should come next. Length of service should get third consideration, I believe.



Cpl. Ben Wojcik, Mendell Area

There is one point on which I absolutely agree, and that is that those with the longest service and those with combat experience should be discharged first.



Cpl. Ed McLaughlin, Mendell Area

Personally, I believe there is too much talk right now of Demobilization Day instead of V-Day. When V-Day comes, then, and only then, will I express my opinion on the subject.



Pfc Bill Murdy, Fort Scott

The boys that have seen action should be the first discharged. I'm for the program all the way through—even including priority to married GI's with kids.

The Bear Field, Ind., Beacon, 1943 offset newspaper winner, celebrated its third anniversary last month with an ingenious picture display of its staff. The Beacon has sent two men to YANK and a couple more on overseas assignments as war photographers . . . Credit to the Camp Robert's Dispatch for starting a drive to get its servicemen rides in GI vehicles going as far north as S. F. and as far south as L. A.



CLIFFORD GARRISON didn't mind the interruption in his day's work at the Marine Repair Shop. Mr. Robert Wood, administrative assistant of the Services of Supply, Fort Scott, presents a \$100 check to the Harbor Defense employee for suggesting and constructing a portable generator for use on boats.

Marine Shop Employee Gets Century Note for Victory Idea

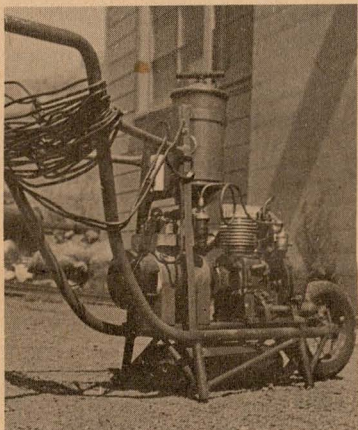
Because he had an idea, one which will save dozens of man-hours per week, Clifford Garrison of the Marine Repair Shop at Fort Baker, recently received a check for \$100 from a special fund set aside by the War Department to pay off for suggestions that will speed victory.

Garrison's idea was more than a suggestion, it was a project he originated, developed and constructed in the Marine Repair shop to speed up the recharging of batteries in boats.

Together with Harry Plumber, foreman of the marine shop, Garrison built from salvage materials a one cylinder, 20 amp generator that rides on a scooter-like affair. The one cylinder gas engine discarded as "unusable" came from an overseas salvage base.

Instead of taking the engine from the hull of a ship and bringing it to the shop for recharging, the generator is brought to the engine on the scooter. The recharging process ordinarily is at least a four-man job that sometimes requires a crane. The scooter-generator requires but one man for the operation.

In 15 minutes, according to Garrison, a boat's engine can be supplied with enough "juice" to get it started so that it can build up its own power. Conservatively speaking, about 12 man-hours per operation are saved with the portable generator.



Close-up of the portable generator made of salvaged materials that won \$100 for Clifford Garrison of the Marine Repair Shop.

From time to time other awards for useful wartime suggestions will be presented to civilians in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco, according to the Fort Winfield Scott and Sub-posts Committee of Awards of which Lt. Col. Harry Krenkle is chairman.

Arts and Crafts Show Five Art Classes Included in Show

Five classes of arts and crafts have been included in the Ninth Service Command Arts and Crafts traveling show, which invites entries from all military and civilian personnel in the NSC area.

Class I, art: portraits, landscapes, sketches in any medium, any subject. Maximum size of entry, 18"x22" overall.

Class II, photography: photographic prints on any subject, must be mounted on standard photographic size mount (16"x20").

Class III, poster design: subject: arts and crafts as a recreational activity at military installations. Any slogans which are pertinent may be used. Size, 18"x22".

Class IV, crafts: includes leathercraft, tincraft, flytying, clay modeling, linoleum-block printing, etc. Items entered will not exceed one cubic foot in size.

Class V, mural design: detailed scale drawings or photographs of

finished murals will be submitted in exhibition form. Exhibits must be a maximum size of 18"x22" or must fold down to that size.

Entries in any or all classes are acceptable. Rules as to sizes must be conformed with, in order to keep the show small enough for shipping.

First, second and third prize winners and all honorable mention entries will be retained for inclusion in a show to be sent to the various camps in the command for exhibition. Other entries will be returned to the sender at government expense.

Entries should be sent to the Transportation Officer, Fort Douglas, Utah, attention, Arts and Crafts Show Contest. Competent military and civilian experts will judge each entry. Deadline is Dec. 1, 1944.

Prizes will be awarded winners in each class on the basis of skill and ingenuity. The show is scheduled to reach Fort Scott and Sub-posts near the end of the year.



Cpl. Chester Kujawa with the F. A. who has been busy killing 'jerries' in Italy pops these few lines: "I've seen many of 'jerry's' vehicles well air conditioned by our air force and it is a sweet sight. There are quite a few kraut's pushing up fresh daisies from our guns and the end of every day means that many more have gone to fertilize the soil of Italy. Well, with a smile on my face and murder in my heart for the Germans, so long pal. Roger and out."

T/Sgt. Michael Maziak with a C.A. Bn. in New Guinea and former HDSF man writes: "I must say this spot is the best we have had so far. There is an American Red Cross Service Club across the road and two theatres. A large sport field is close by. White girls from the states run the club, and boy they surely get a lot of attention."

Pfc Bob Cantor also writing it out in New Guinea says: "Here is a short biography on how clothes are boiled out here. First we get a 5-gallon can and knock the top off. That's our wash bowl. Then we dig a hole, boy scout fashion, in which a tin can holding about a quart of gasoline is placed. The 5-gallon can is placed on top and clothes deposited. G. I. soap and water are added. When it comes to lighting the match you are on your own."

Pfc Ralph Wallace of the Army Engineers writes his latest from Saipan: "I tried to write before now, but didn't have the time. I went in on Tinian the first morning and there were plenty of bullets flying around, but nothing compared with what followed that night. Things really popped hotter than hell and

there were more dead Japs the next morning than you could begin to count."

William McRobbie, machinist mate 1/c, pens a tribute to the footsoldier from his base in the Admiralty Islands: "Any soldier who has done any jungle fighting or gone on jungle patrols deserves all the credit and honor in the world."

Supply Ships to USSR Arriving These Days

A year ago, 12 out of every 100 ships sent on convoy to supply the Russian forces was sunk en route by enemy action.

The situation has so improved that today an average of only one ship in every 100 is lost, Adm. E. S. Land, war shipping administrator, announced recently.

'Pop' Miller, Scott Tailor, Retired Long Army Career Starts in Presidio

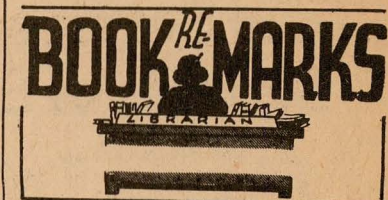
War Chest Fund Drive Starts Sat.

Starting Payday, Saturday, the command will begin to meet its quota of approximately \$5000 for the San Francisco War Chest Fund Drive, headquarters announced this week. The drive ends Oct. 31.

Voluntary contributions will be accepted from enlisted men at the pay tables, while officers will be expected to make their contributions to the various sums collected in their organizations.

The minimum suggested amount of contribution from each Army man in these defenses is one-half of one day's base pay. For privates the amount is \$.83; colonels, \$5.55.

The only other contributions enlisted men are asked to participate in are the Red Cross Drive and Tuberculosis Fund.



Among the recent new additions to the library shelves are several best sellers including Lt. Joseph Pennell's "The History of Rome Hanks." The author who is a peacetime newspaperman and wartime anti-aircraftman has succeeded in writing one of the most exciting novels of the year.

Pennell has managed to put the feeling of the whole Civil War and Reconstruction period (both sides) into his narrative. There are no punches pulled here. Because of its frankness, profane humor and refusal to be put off by bad smells and unpleasant heroes it emerges as one of the really true accounts of American history and American life.

"Watching the World" is a compilation of the outstanding published manuscripts of the last ten years of the late Raymond Clapper's work. It covers a representative field on War, Postwar, Roosevelt, Congress, Labor and the Republican party.

This book is not only a monument to a man who was a crusader for the right of people to think out for themselves and make their own decisions but to read it, is an investment in sound thinking based on hard, factual reporting and no ivory-tower dreaming.

Frazier Hunt, internationally famous correspondent and military observer, has recorded a stirring phase of our military history in his new book, "MacArthur and the War Against Japan." He tells accurately and chronologically of the campaigns in the Philippines, Australia, New Guinea and the whole Western Pacific.

For mystery fans there is a latest super who-done-it entitled "Till Death Do Us Part" by John Dickson Carr relating the story of one of the most ingenious female poisoners that ever lived. "Lebanon" by Caroline Miller who authored the Pulitzer Prize Winner, "Lamb in His Bosom," and "Out on a Limb" by Claire MacMurray are also fresh from the publishers.

After almost 30 years of tailoring service to the Army, nine years of which were devoted to the Fort Scott soldier, Frank (Pop) Miller, 74, was retired last week.

Before establishing his work shop in Building 8 in 1935, the cigar smoking-gent was battery tailor for the 4th Motor Repair Bn., Crissy Field. His first Army tailoring job was with the 30th Infantry in the Presidio in 1918.

During his nine years at Scott Pop is said never to have had one day off.

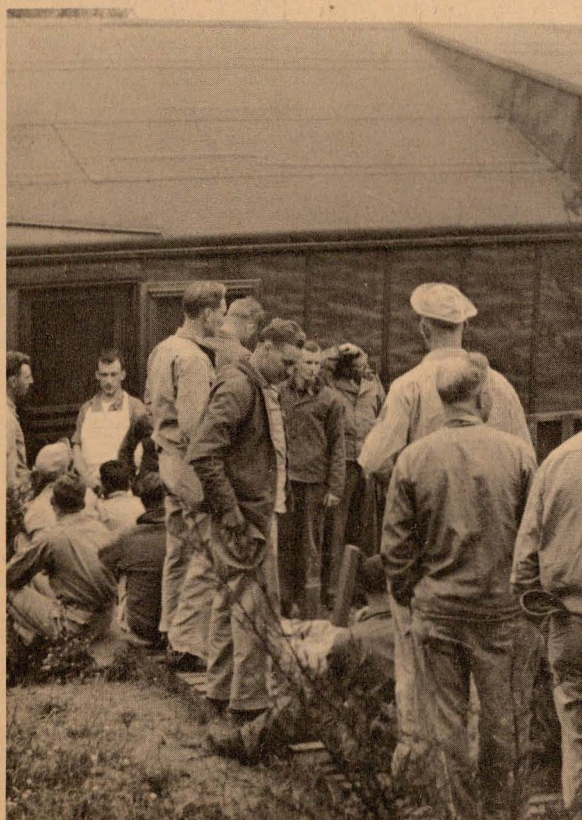
"Ten years without a 'furlough,' guess I've earned a right to spend some leisure time at my home in Fresno," the popular cleaner and presser declared.

"My association with the men of Fort Scott has been the best. We have a fine aggregation of fighting men in these defenses."

Pop never did take that retirement rest seriously. As soon as he moved his belongings from Bldg. 8, he trekked over to Bldg. 13 to become associated with Layko, Hq-HD SF tailor.

Chow Hounds

By Kenneth Strelow, B-6th C. A.



STITCH IN TIME — Seventy-four year old Frank (Pop) Miller finishes a little job for Cpl. Albert Mott. Pop was retired last week as the Fort Scott Post tailor.

Kin of Servicemen Get Full Benefits of Social Security

By Camp Newspaper Service

Widespread among GIs in the services is the impression that servicemen lost their rights to social security benefits the day they entered the service. Nothing, says the Social Security Board, could be further from the truth than this belief.

As a matter of fact, under the law the survivors of servicemen are entitled to certain specific benefits if the soldier worked in covered employment before he entered the armed forces and died "currently" insured. In other words, his family is entitled to payments if he was employed in a job covered by the social security program for at least half of the last three years of his life before he entered the service.

Other Benefits

The families of servicemen are also entitled to various other benefits if the serviceman died "fully" insured, if he had been employed in private industry or business for at least half the period between Jan. 1, 1937—when the social security program began—and the time of his death, or half the period since he became 21, if that was a later date.

Monthly benefits are payable to the following survivors of persons who were "fully" insured under the Social Security Act:

Children Benefit

1. Children receive monthly payments until they are 16, or until they're 18 if they are still in school.

2. A widow with children under her care, provided she does not remarry, receives monthly payments until her youngest child is 18. The payments stop then, but begin again when the widow is 65 and continues until her death.

3. A widow without children under her care receives monthly payments when she reaches the age of 65 provided that she has not remarried.

Parents Benefit

4. Dependent parents also receive payments when they reach the age of 65 provided that the deceased serviceman left neither a widow or a child under 18.

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File Claims Pronto

In order that no payments may be lost, the Social Security Board has urged that claims for benefits should be filed immediately after the insured person's death. Monthly payments to survivors are retroactive, but not for more than three months prior to the month of filing. Therefore, if a claim is not filed until the fourth month after the month of the insured person's death, one month's payment is lost.

Careless Soldiers Giggled on Salute

Failure to render the prescribed hand salute at the prescribed time to proper persons will bring soldiers of this command "gigs on the spot," it was learned recently.

Officers have been stationed at various places throughout the military reservation, including the car stop at the Presidio, to check up on the careless man in uniform.

Gigs will be forthcoming not only for neglect to deliver the salute, but for sloppy military conduct in snapping the hi-ball.

Soldiers of this command, who have a reputation for being among the finest disciplined, should not have any difficulty on this score. But it is a good idea to know that the pressure is on.

Surplus Land May Go to Veterans

A bill has been introduced in the Senate under which surplus land, after the war, would be made available to veterans for homestead or business purposes, according to an American Legion news release.

More than 34 million acres of land, not counting that taken over by the Defense Plants Corp., has been acquired by the government for war purposes. The government paid \$565,325,816 for the land, with one-third of the land coming from the public domain and the balance by purchase.

Of this acreage, the War Dept. has declared 2,750,000 acres as surplus for post-war purposes. The Navy is expected to place about 4,000,000 acres in the same category.

PRELIMINARY

WAVE: Before we go on this date, Mac, I want it definitely understood that although I may be a seaman second, I'm a lady first."



'SARGE,' one of Scott's snippiest mutts, comes across a lady who does not wish to be disturbed while she dines. The hunched back of the feline holds no terror for Sarge. "This is a place for dogfaces," he opines.

Stillwell Interview Featured in YANK

Tomorrow's issue of YANK magazine features a personal interview with Gen. Joseph W. Stilwell, the Army's newest four-star general, by Sgt. Ed Cunningham, staff correspondent.

The general is as regular and down to earth as the scuffed shoes he wears when tramping through Burma jungles, Cunningham tells his GI readers. The writer also points out that Vinegar Joe is a tough, but just Old Army man, who hates Japs with unwavering intensity.

This interview, resplendent with colorful sayings by the high ranking infantryman, is but one of the many features offered by YANK, which goes on sale at the PX Friday.

New Rescue Boat In Production

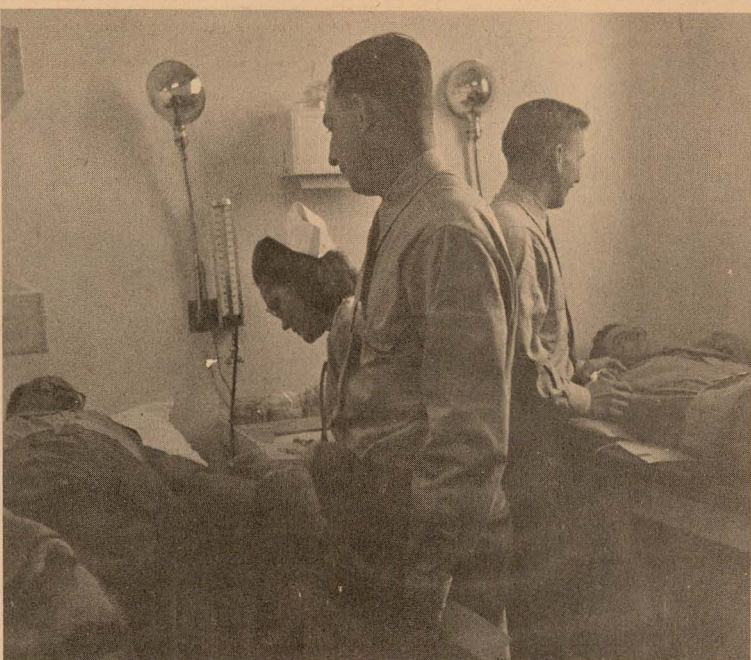
Andrew J. Higgins has started production on a plastic parachute boat for the rescue of aviators forced down at sea or stranded in inaccessible places.

The boat, called the "Flying Dutchman," is to be attached by light cables to the fuselage of large military planes and to be released so that it floats to rest by means of three parachutes.

Equipped with two motors and sufficient fuel for 400 miles of travel, and portable masts and sails for conversion into a sloop when fuel runs out, the boat has enough provisions aboard for a 1,500-mile trip, including clothing, blankets, medical supplies and blood plasma for injured persons.

WAC TAKES OVER

It shouldn't happen to a dogface. Las Vegas AAF, Nev., soldiers set a precedence the other day when they helped elect Sgt. Helene Murray, a Wac, president of the Non-Com club.



Two Battery B-6th C. A. artillerymen give blood while two other men from the battery come around to see how it is done before giving a pint of their blood. Mrs. Lorraine Lackland attends to donor T-5 Shann Morris while Cpl. Earl Burt looks on. Sgt. Roman Milos chats with T-5 Ned Wachholz. (Photo by GGG.)

Blood Donors Bring Month Total Up With Thus. Deposit

Though blood contributions in the defenses had a weak start in the month due to special training, visits by the IG and several alerts and spot checks, before payday (Saturday) it is expected that well over 100 pints of life saving fluid will have been donated by men and women of the command.

The greatest number are scheduled to go this afternoon, Battery F-6th, leading the way with about 35 artillerymen, many of whom will have donated a pint of blood for the fifth and sixth time.

Most regular contributing battery is still B-6th, who today augment their excellent record with about 15 pints of blood.

The 72nd AGF Band of Fort Scott made a special trip to the Blood Bank yesterday leaving 15 pints of blood to be processed into plasma. This was the 3rd 'lump' donation of the bandmen, though many make regular donations, about once every eight weeks.

Batteries A, D, K and Hq. 1st Bn. have made contributions to the Blood Bank this month, as have Hq-SCU, Hq-HDSF, Wac Det. and a number of civilian employees.

Transportation leaves Post Hq., Fort Scott, every Thursday at 1430 for the San Francisco Blood Procurement Center, and returns soldiers to their organizations.

Phone The Golden Gate Guardian, 3687, for appointment.

Tough Stuff Capt. Puts on Brake

As an HDSF sergeant discovered the other day, being an officer has its drawbacks.

The sergeant, assigned to a vehicle, was ordered to drive a captain on a special mission. Carelessly, the sergeant allowed the speedometer to register slightly over the speed allowed on a military reservation.

The captain, unable to restrain his anxiety any longer, remarked to the driver:

"Watch your speed, sergeant. If we are caught traveling in excess of the regular speed all they can do to you is take your stripes away, give you a court martial trial, put you on KP and restrict you to the post for six months.

"But me—I will get a calling down."

Is This Trip Necessary?

S/Sgt. Earl Lake, of the PM office, patiently waited his turn last week at the Southern Pacific ticket office.

"One reservation on the Daylight," the sergeant stated.

"Round trip?" the ticket seller queried.

"Uh, huh—but, make it two tickets on the return trip."

When the man behind the counter raised his eyebrows, Lake explained: One way he ties the knot with a charming creature down South California way.

On the return trip, Mrs. Lake may get tired of sitting on his lap. She needs a ticket too.



What Ya Say Your Name Was, Buddy?—Traveling from Santa Barbara to Fort Scott recently with 20 hot-shot softball players, Lt. Leo Murphy, athletic officer of the 6th C. A., found himself a seat on the train next to a burly 2nd Pharmacist Mate of the Navy . . . the officer and navyman hit it off pretty well together . . . each helped the other in making the all night trip comfortable.

Next morning they shared a sandwich together and had some hot java . . . a few minutes before the choo-choo hit 3rd and Townsend, another officer shouted out, "Hey, Murphy! How's about the luggage!"

At that, both Lieutenant Murphy and the sailor jumped out of their seats . . . "Someone call me?" the sailor asked . . . his name was Murphy too.

Minute Portrait of a Town:—State St. is the main drag . . . the only drag . . . beer parlors, sandwich shops, novelty stores, department stores, theatres, banks, shoe shine parlors, drug emporiums and five and dimes are all on this avenue.

Streets that lead off from State St. get lost in the 'golden' hills . . . some of the wealthiest personages in America have estates here.

It is definitely a GI paradise . . . only Marines are in abundance . . . most Army men found here have battle records . . . many of them awaiting reassignment to other theatres of operation.

In the popular Snack Shop, operated by the AWVS, men and women of the service are welcome to sandwiches; various beverages, including orange juice; cakes, cookies and pies. Here also are soft lounging chairs, writing tables, a phonograph with hundreds of records, a drum, banjo and two pianos.

Mrs. Edith Catlin Phelps, prominent artist, sketches GI portraits in color and sends them to the soldier's mother, wife or sweetheart . . . all for nix.

There is Tent City, where some of the tastiest chow is dished out from field kitchens . . . there is the Biltmore, a spacious aristocratic country-club hotel, that caters only to the enlisted man that has returned from overseas . . . maid service, classy hotel style prepared chow, ballroom, swimming pool, tennis courts, golf and a white sand beach are included in the dogface's fare . . . in the midst of all this grandeur is one sign that every Yank recognizes, "Chaplain's Office."

Modern Spanish-Pueblo architecture is the predominating feature of homes and business establishments alike.

Many have referred to Santa Barbara as the most "beautiful little city in all the world" . . . could be.

Jeeps Wholesale

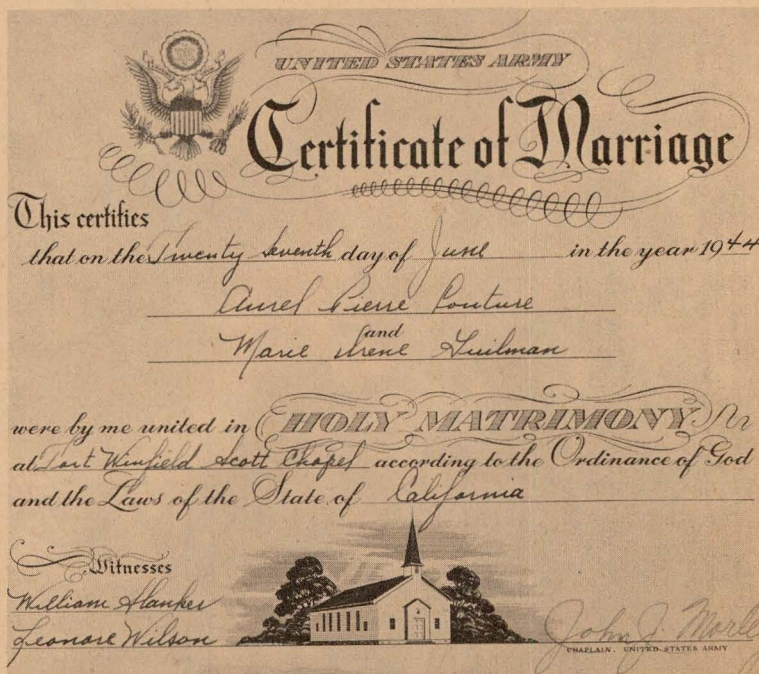
The House of Representatives has adopted an amendment to the surplus property disposal bill to permit servicemen and women and veterans to purchase jeeps at wholesale prices, it was announced by the American Legion recently.

"YANKWIZ"
By BOB HAWK
C B S Saturday Nights
Quizmaster: "THANKS TO THE YANKS"

1. At the dinner table you might find salt in a shaker and a napkin in a ring. What might you find in a cruet?
 2. A county may contain several cities. Is there any city that contains several counties?
 3. What flower is named for an hour of the day?
 4. Which hen lays more eggs, a lightweight hen or a heavy one?
 5. If two boxes were made in the same proportion, but one was three times as large as the other, which of these words would be correct in describing them: similar, identical, equivalent?
 6. Which body of men must ratify the peace treaty, the House, or the Senate, or both?
 7. Dogs have pedigrees. Do people have pedigrees?
 8. Name a pudding that is not eaten as a dessert?
 9. If you had a neighbor on one side who was a tympanist and one on the other side who was a pantomimist, and they both practiced at the same time, which one would annoy you most?
 10. If you plant lettuce, tomato and celery seeds all on the same day, which would be ready to use first?
- (Answers on page 5)

ONLY PLACE

Headline seen in local paper: "Nazis Fall Back on Cannes." (Ed. note: Well, that's as good a place as any.)



NEW GI MARRIAGE LICENSE. This reproduction of the new Army "Certificate of Marriage" shows what newlyweds who take that fatal step in Army chapels will receive in the future. According to Harbor Defense chaplains, who tie many marriage knots of local soldiers, the new certificate is very popular.

FOOTLIGHTS and SPOTLIGHTS

By Jason Meyer

Bob Hope, while on his Pacific tour, traveled 200,000 miles . . . he did 30 per cent of his performances in rain . . . Joel McCrea is to be starred in "Life Story of Will Rogers" for Warners . . . Benny Goodman is just about ready to make an overseas tour . . . band will only be a quartet . . . Since Kay Kyser will not return to air until October 1st, Phil Harris will extend his stay on the "College of Musical Knowledge" for eight weeks.

Helen Forrest has been signed on the Dick Haymes show as a regular effective Oct. 17 . . . Gladys Swarthout is scheduled for 21 different radio appearances during the fall season . . . Dorsey brothers recently tossed a birthday party for their mother . . . Caesar Romero arrived in Hollywood on furlough after seeing active service in Tinian and Saipan.

Boris Karloff is recovering at his home after a spine operation . . . Cinemactor Walter Slezak just received word of his mother's death in Germany . . . Favorite Soap Opera show "Vic and Sade" bows out after nine years in radio.

Television men see where the police departments all over the country can be aided by tele broadcasts . . . Sonja Henie knocked her-

self out during a skating rehearsal by falling to the ice . . . Mrs. Bela Lugosi is suing for divorce.

Gag men are still scarce in radio . . . men who use to get \$200 weekly now draw anywhere from \$750 to \$1000 per week . . . Artie Shaw will form a new band without strings, as originally planned . . . Fred Waring, long a lone wolf fighter against ASCAP for not giving enough royalties to bandsmen, gave up . . . he has decided to record some himself.

Abbott and Costello dug up \$1,500,000 to buy the Steel Pier, largest amusement palace in Atlantic City . . . Just before it was split by the hurricane . . . Fred Astaire is now overseas to entertain Yanks. . . Hollywood biggies are campaigning to make Jean Hersholt president of Academy Award Board . . . L. B. Mayer, known for years as one of the highest paid men in the motion picture industry, fell off his horse . . . doctors say he will be laid up for several months.

Cary Grant is going to do the life of Houdini for Selznick . . . Glenn Miller has been promoted to major. . . Hollywood's fad of too many bands now in pictures is taking a powder . . . only top men like James, Cugat and Dorsey are now under contract.

Spend Spare Time Writing APO Pals

If you are wondering what to do with your spare moments, a good tip is to write one of your buddies overseas.

Don't just 'plan' to send the Yank a V-Mail. Write him at your first opportunity and every opportunity.

While mail call means a great deal to all of us, to the fellow sweating it out on a foreign assignment it means everything. If you have no one to send a V-Mail to get in touch with The Golden Gate Guardian (3687).

Addresses of former HDSF-ers serving in every battle sector can be furnished upon request.

DEADLINE

Next deadline for all copy for The GGG is Wed., Oct. 4. Photographs and other art work must be in by Friday of the same week. If there is a news item you wish brought to the staff's attention, send it in or phone 3687, any day—morning noon or night. Proper credit will be given.

For a future of security, invest now in War Bonds. You can't lose.

- ANSWERS TO BOB HAWK'S YANKWIZ:**
1. Vinegar. A cruet is a small glass bottle for vinegar, oil or wine.
 2. Yes. New York City contains five counties: New York, Bronx, Kings, Queens and Richmond Counties.
 3. The four o'clock.
 4. The light one.
 5. Similar.
 - 6: The Senate, by a two-thirds vote.
 7. Yes. A pedigree is an ancestral line.
 8. Yorkshire pudding is eaten with the meat course. Also corn pudding, fish pudding, cheese pudding, carrot pudding, vegetable souffles.
 9. The tympanist: drum player; pantomimist: silent performer who uses gestures and facial expressions.
 10. The lettuce. It takes from 20 to 70 days; tomato takes from 70 to 100 days celery takes from 100 to 150 days.

NUMBER, PLEASE

Russia has received 260,000 field telephones and 830,000 miles of wire in three years through lend-lease.

BAKER MEDICS

T-5 John Holtz wasn't getting enough goldbricking time in the dental clinic so a technician assistant was requisitioned. Smiling Pvt. James Humphrey qualified for the job.

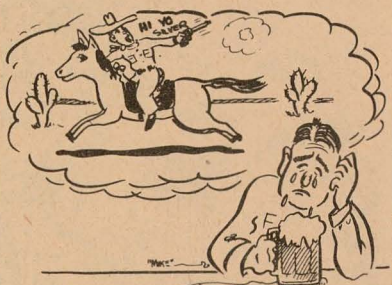
The inseparable gold-dust twins of Baker, Pfc Ray Bier and Pvt. Alfred Busler have finally parted. Busler is now roaming the hills of old Wyomin' leaving poor old Bier at home crying in his, you know what.

T-4 Bert Strong returned from furlough and immediately put in for a 24 hour pass to run 15 days consecutively.

Capt. Walter Tupper, former Ward and X-Ray officer, is greatly missed at his old stamping ground and everyone wishes him the best in his new assignment at Fort Sam Houston.

Lt. Norine Benassi is convalescing at Dibble General in Menlo Park.

Pvt. Robert Miller, rod and reel man of the outfit has come through with the first striper of the season. Duncan—you'll have to get out of the hospital now!!!



Roberts Finds Way To Bring Up Arms

Dispensing with one all-time high alibi for neglecting to salute an officer while he is riding in an Army vehicle, the following arrangement will soon be in effect at Camp Roberts.

Metal plates will be attached to the front bumpers of all Army vehicles, bearing insignias of the various commands.

When an officer is in the vehicle, the plates will be uncovered. At all other times the plates will be covered.

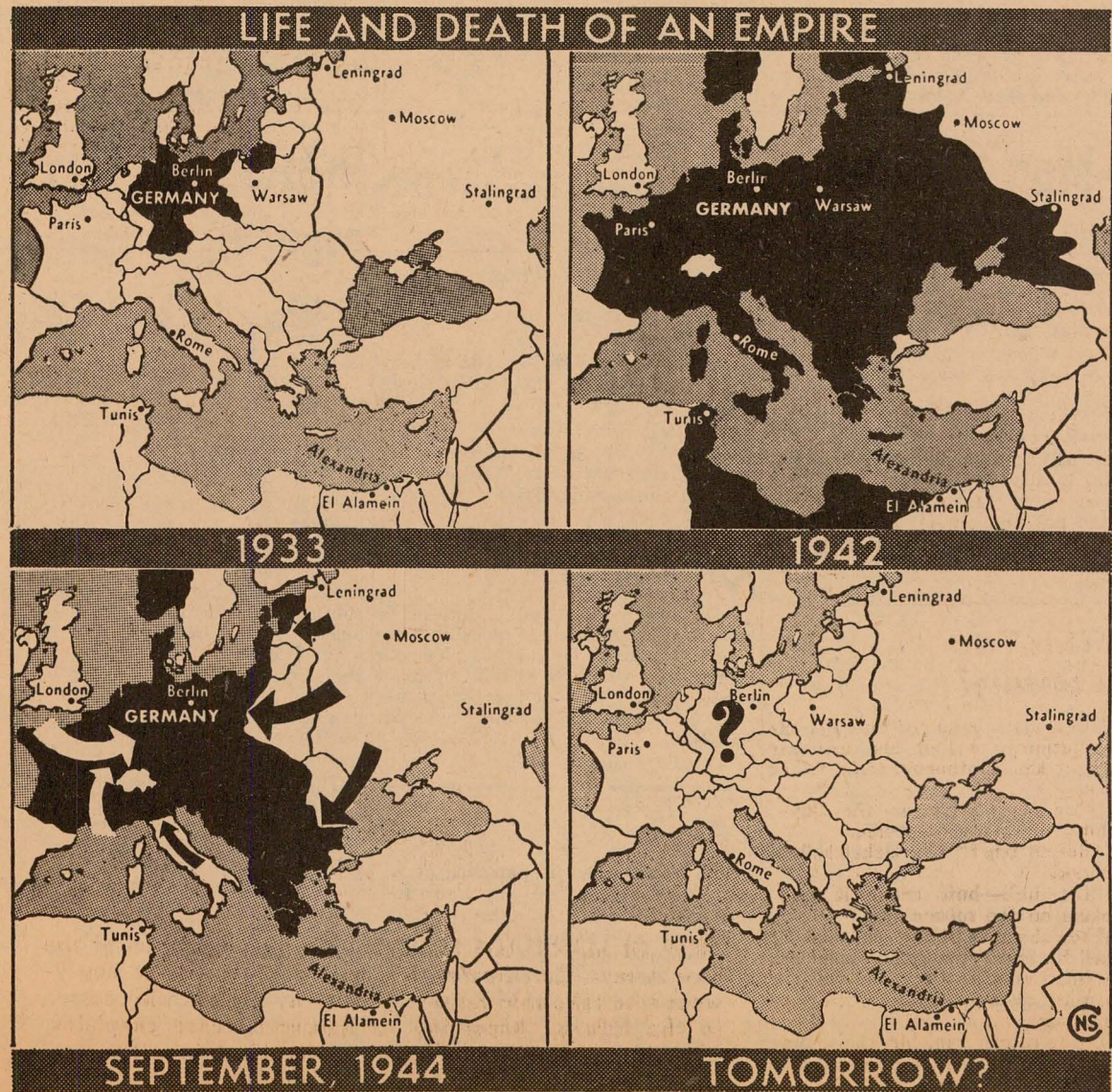
Cut Rate Travel

Common carriers would be allowed to grant reduced fares to service personnel discharged, retired or released, for travel to their home, within a 30-day limit, under the provisions of a bill which has been reported to the house of Representatives.

Donate your blood today—save a buddy's life tomorrow.



HORSE PLAY—Screen lovie Ella Raines appears in many scenes with horses and men (take your pick) in the RKO future release, "Tall in the Saddle."



Turkey for All Is QM Promise

A Turkey Day dinner for every American fighting man is the ambition of the supply forces—and if Nov. 23 doesn't find a generous helping of this fowl as part of the Yank holiday repast, it won't be for lack of trying.

The QM is packing turkey in 12-ounce cans for war prisoners and is arranging to have deliveries made to Americans in German prison camps. It is also hoped that the International Red Cross will be able to get Thanksgiving turkey chow to Americans who are Jap war prisoners.

NSC Safety Program

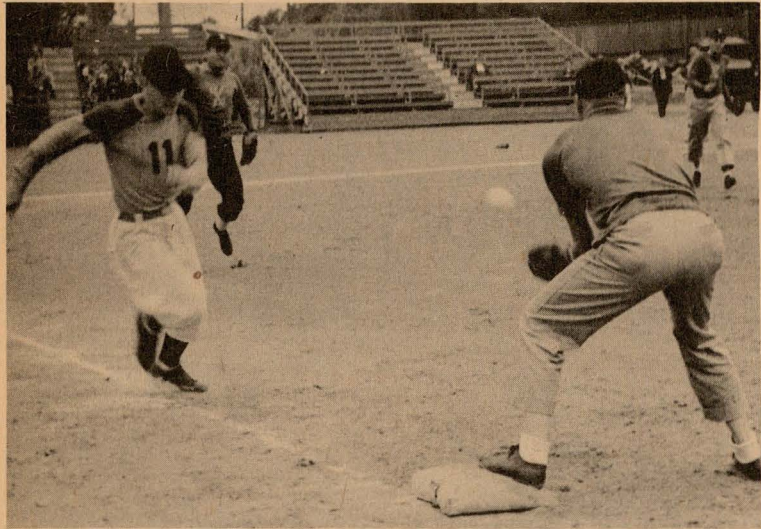
The Ninth Service Command's safety program resulted in a 64 per cent decrease from last year's loss, through accidents, since the first of the year, it was announced from Fort Douglas recently.

Of the military installations under the jurisdiction of the command, approximately 70 per cent reported no accidents in the first three months of this year. The remainder reported 75,214 of a possible 2,306,941 working days lost through accident.



Snappy Softballers Take 2nd in NCS Playoffs

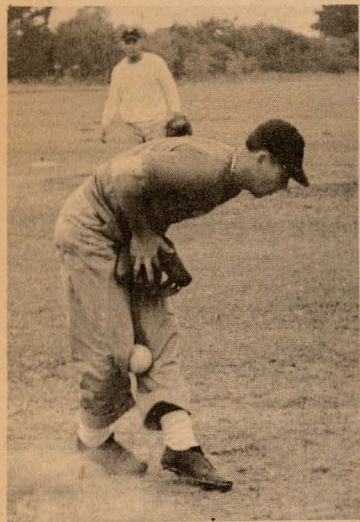
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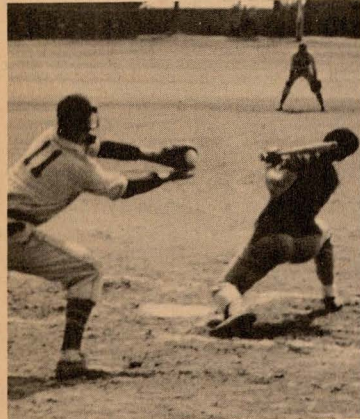
Lewandowski snaps one to first in time to snare the runner.



Hit and run is on.



Lippy "catches" one between knees.



Brooks gets out of the way of a wide one. Note ball in catcher's glove.



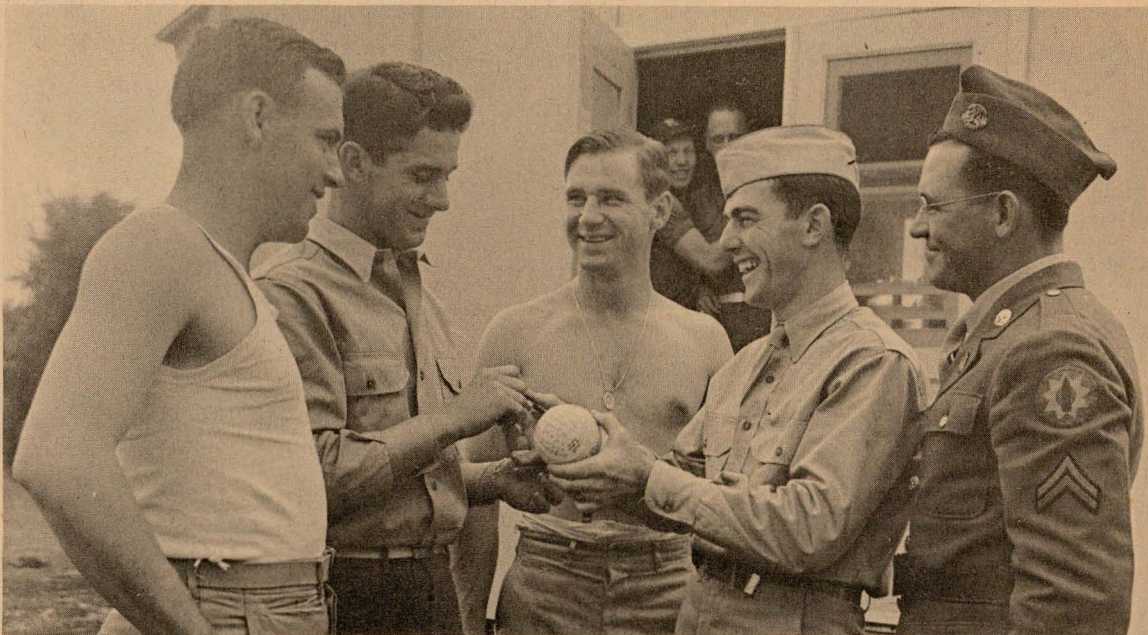
"Oh, no!" screams enthused HDSF softball fan, Capt. James Hardy.



Bluper goes to Viviano.



Benoche races ball to bag.



ALL-STAR player Pfc Earl Benoche autographs the ball of smiling Cpl. Ed McLaughlin, 2nd baseman. Interested are Pfc Rog Cooper, 3rd sacker; Cpl. George Hughs, center fielder, and Cpl. Ben Wojcik, right fielder.

Stand Up in Fast Santa Barbara Company

From the 1496 servicemen's softball teams entered in the Ninth Service Command softball championship tournament, K-HDSF All Stars copped second place in the Army Ground Forces-Army Air Corps bracket in the Santa Barbara championship playoffs, Sept. 13-17. The team was managed and coached by Cpl. Joe Mazur of the Mendell area.

Merced Air Field, Calif., won first place.

Good Chucking

Cpl. Johnny Lewandowski, Chicago, ace hurler of the gunners, came through with a 1 to 0 victory over Paine Field, Utah, in 11 innings of play and a 2 to 1 triumph over Camp Kearns, Calif., who were favored to win the playoffs.

In their two defeats, the Harbor Defense softballers were routed by the Merced Pilots by scores of 2 to 0, and 9 to 3. Cpl. Wesley Priest, judged the best pitcher of the tournament, was on the mound in both games.

Tough Loss

In the first game Medced got to Cpl. Tony Viviano, H-6th C. A., for 4 hits. Pfc Roger Cooper, K-6th C. A., who played a peppy 3rd base for the HDSF-ers, got the only hit from Priest, a single in the 4th frame.

	R.	H.	E.
HDSF	0	1	0
Merced	2	4	0

Viviano and Lyon; Priest and Gonella.

The championship game with Merced, played Sun., Sept. 17, was scheduled for 1300, but because of an extra inning game between Anza, Calif., and Seattle Port of Embarca-

All-Army Big Wigs

Following the NSC Army softball playoffs in Santa Barbara last week, a tentative All-Star, All-Army Softball team was selected with Cpl. Ted Lipczynski, HDSF short stop, and Pfc Earl Benoche, powerful hitting short center fielder, making the first string.

Corporal Lipczynski made more sensational plays than any other infielder during the tournament, according to the judges. Benoche came in with some hard hitting blows when they were needed most.

tion, which stretched into 24 innings, the Merced-HDSF session did not start until 1800.

Alibies

Viviano who was scheduled to pitch the game had a sore arm and Lewandowski took to the mound to start the game. First baseman Sgt. Wally Erdman, suffering from an injured ankle received the previous day, remained in the game, though he had lost some of his zip. Mazur took over at second since Cpl. Ed McLaughlin had been eliminated by a spiked leg.

The umpire behind the plate during the championship game was "retired" in the fifth frame for what appeared to be improper decisions.

Merced scored 1 run in the 1st inning, 4 in the 2nd and 4 in the 5th. HDSF bunched 3 runs in the 3rd on three walks, a fielder's choice and two errors. Lewandowski received the only hit, a single, in the 5th.

Paine Succumbs

Lewandowski was replaced on the mound in the 5th by Viviano.

	R.	H.	E.
HDSF	3	1	4
Merced	6	9	3

Lewandowski, Viviano and Lyon; Priest and Gonella.

In the 11 inning battle with Paine Field, HDSF received 10 hits, but was able to score but once. That run was made possible by a hard hit ball from the bat of Sgt. Lloyd Hasselbusch, who came in for Cpl. Al Luplow, with two men on and two out in the first half of the 11th. Pfc Earl Benoche scored.

Lewandowski allowed but 5 scratch hits. Lipczynski hit a two bagger in the 3rd.

	R.	H.	E.
HDSF	10	1	
Paine Field	0	5	3

Lewandowski and Lyon; Hodge and Randal.

Ditto Kearns

Playing under lights in their 3rd game, the HDSF-ers came up against Camp Kearns, AAF, a reputed powerhouse of sluggers with fast pitching. Kearns' first pitcher was knocked from the rubber in the 4th after HDSF had slapped in 2 runs on 3 hits and 3 walks.

Cpl. Leo Lipczynski, HDSF short stop, saved the game in the 4th inning by recovering a wild throw from short center field. The tying run was on 3rd.

Lewandowski pitched a one-hit-one-run game.

	R.	H.	E.
HDSF	2	3	0
Kearns	1	1	1

Lewandowski and Lyon; Marchand, Saunders and Yuhus.

As runner-ups in the tournament, the HDSF softballers received a bronze cup trophy.

6-Man Football Makes Debut

Autumn is in the air and so are the pigskins. It's football time.

In keeping with the season, the HDSF hails its first six-man football tourney, starting Wed., Oct. 4, during which all Army units, HDSF and SCU, and the Navy Detachment have been invited to participate, according to the athletic offices.

Organizations may enter more than one 6-man team. A round-robin schedule will be announced in the next issue of The GGG. Entries must be in by Sept. 30.

The Fort Scott and Fort Baker playing fields will be put into playing condition by the special service offices and lined for play.

Rules on the football tournament play will be posted on activity boards in every organization.

Officer Softball Team Plays WDC Staff Today

In their second meeting of the season, the HDSF Staff Officers softball ten meets the Presidio WDC Staff Officers team on the Scott diamond this afternoon at 1600.

The previous game was won by WDC, 4 to 2, two weeks ago with Major Charles Ottinger and Major John Keeton on the mound for the home team.

6th C.A. Volleyball Officers Take WDC

In three closely contested games, the 3rd Bn., 6th C.A. Officers beat the Presidio WDC Officers in their first scheduled volleyball match of the season at the Fort Scott gym last Thursday.

The scores—21 to 19, 21 to 18 and 21 to 20—proved that both teams were evenly matched.

Lt. Col. John Schonher, captain of the 3rd Bn. team, reports a return match with the WDC volleyballers is contemplated for next week.

Officers' Dance

Officers are invited to attend a dance this Saturday sponsored by the Women's Guild of Temple Emanu-El, which is to take place in the Temple House of the synagogue, corner Arguello Blvd. and Lake St. at 2100.

Junior hostesses will be present.

Net Doubles

A doubles tennis tournament is slated to get under way immediately, according to the Harbor Defense athletic office.

Batteries desiring to enter doubles teams should forward their combinations to the HDSF special service office, phone 3755. Team players must be from the same organization.

Prestegard, Navy Man, Back-Hands Way to Net Title

A deadly court game, featuring a smashing backhand, was more than defending champion Cpl. Louis Licht, Hq-SCU, could handle last week when Chris Prestegard, Soundman 1/C, Navy Det., won the Harbor Defense singles tennis crown with straight 7-5, 6-2 sets at the Fort Scott courts.

The lanky sailor, formerly a ranking state junior net player from southern California, jumped into a neat 5-1 lead in the first set, but a remarkable rally by Licht evened the set score. Prestegard then cracked Licht's service in the final game to win the set after a hard battle.

Licht Errs

The second set looked as though it might develop into something hot as both Licht and Prestegard won their respective services twice to bring set score to 2-all. Prestegard then turned on the heat and forced Licht into many errors. In the final match game, Licht served two double faults to give the crown to the navymen.

Several score soldiers and sailors attended the match. Referee was T-5 Ken Clifford, who was one of the early entrants in the tournament.



It was a vicious softball team that represented the Harbor Defense in the Ninth Service Command softball championships at Santa Barbara last week.

Being relieved of duties on their cannons for the first time since war was declared, the HDSF athletes showed that three years of alert training and rigorous sea coast duties have kept them in condition.

The showing of the softball team has done more than catch the passing fancy of a couple of sports enthusiasts; it has proven that local athletes can dish it out with the best of them.

It is concordant with the spirit of aggressiveness that the Army is trying to instill in all its fighting men.

The local lads need shed no tears because they lost out in the finals. Everyone is content that the HDSF club is the second best in the eight Western States. Some 1496 teams were entered.

Today those softball players are back in their plotting rooms, aboard their mine planters or going through sea coast artillery training—considered by many to be the finest and most specialized in the entire services.

NOTES FROM THE CUFF: The Fort Barry Lion baseball team has disbanded until next spring. T-5 Bus Rowland, the corpulent coach-catcher, reports the club did an excellent job all season long, and ended up the campaign with 34 wins against 27 losses . . . Congrats to the boys from the Navy Det., Fort Scott, who turned out so well to watch their man Chris Prestegard whip Lou Licht for the HDSF tennis crown.

The boys from the Mine Flotilla are itching for a bowling tournament to start, according to T-5 John Winters, team coach. Rumbles are being heard from other sections, too . . . E-6th, Fort Cronkhite, will floor a plenty slick basketball team the coming hoop season. 'I' Battery and 'H' Battery, have indicated they will have strong outfits, too, so watch for some good contests in the North Bay soon. 'I,' incidentally, is practicing already.

Pocket Pool Champ Shows HDSF-ers How Star Ponzi Says Pool Fine Sport

Andy Ponzi, three times pocket pool champ of the world, gave demonstrations of the art of cuing a stick last week in dayrooms at Fort Scott, Fort Funston, Fort Miley and at the Baker and Mendell Service Clubs.

While at the Battery 'A' dayroom, Fort Scott, Ponzi engaged in a little competition with the HDSF pool champ, Pvt. William Britt, who scored 25 points against the shark in a 100-point match. Corporal Harley at Fort Miley gave Ponzi a better game—he scored 40 points.

Relaxing Game

"Billiards and pocket pool are the most relaxing games in which a person can engage," Ponzi explained. "In order to play a good game a person has to be at ease and his mind solely on the position of the balls on the tables."

After the war, Ponzi intends to invest in a modern pool and billiards establishment complete with air conditioning and fluorescent lighting.

"The knack of handling a cue stick will emerge from smoke-filled 'pool halls' and liquor-stained dungeons, the same as bowling has in the past," the master cuester insists.

"Respectable men and women engage in this sport the same as bowling and get as much fun out of it without becoming fatigued. When more inviting establishments are erected, I predict billiards and pocket pool will be among the favored indoor sports of the nation."

Pointers

About playing the game, Ponzi says that position of the body is most important. It is essential, he indicated, to keep the left arm fully outstretched and the hand resting on the table top for a proper bridge.

"With proper form, anyone can become a champion player," Ponzi informed his soldier audience. Ponzi claims the world's record for the number of consecutive balls sunk in the pockets—245 during an exhibition in N. Y. in 1933.

Ponzi expects to participate in the national pocket pool championships to be held in New York City before the end of the year.

Pfc. Bill MURDY BILL HAILS FROM OTTUMWA, IOWA

from A of the 6th

FINISHED THE 440 in :52 DURING A TRACK MEET at PANAMA CANAL.

HIGHLIGHT OF HIS SPORTS ACTIVITIES AT OTTUMWA HIGH WAS WHEN BILL CAUGHT A PASS ON HIS OWN 3 YARDS AND RACED 97 YARDS FOR TOUCHDOWN IN THE '38 HOMECOMING GAME.

HOLDS HDSF TITLE FOR SCORING MOST POINTS IN A SINGLE GAME.

SCORED 42 POINTS IN ONE TOURNEY GAME!

TOUCH DOWN!

"MIKE" MIKLOS

U. S. Sports Win in War

This is a recent statement from John L. Griffith, president of the Athletic Institute, Inc.:

"Gradually it has dawned on the American public that sports has been a tremendous factor in winning the war. The performances of Americans trained in sports and with the sporting competitive spirit part of their natures has been superior to that of nations trained only for war. We had fun in sports and the

training for war was a bonus we discovered when the emergency came.

In peace there are going to be problems of great difficulty too. Solution of these problems will demand the lively brains and strong bodies that sports developed.

Having learned the value of American sports during the war, we must take advantage of that lesson when peace comes."

Hq-6th Willing To Defend 'Title'

Believing action, and action alone, can solve a dispute, Hq-6th C. A., Fort Scott, is willing to defend its self-imposed title of "Ping Pong Champs of the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco."

Virtually every organization in the fortifications boasts of at least one man in the outfit who can paddle himself to a win over any adversary, which should bring plenty of comment—and action from many batteries.

1st Sgt. Bill Noone, Hq-6th, will be glad to make arrangements with any rivals. Phone 3672 for arrangements.

Officer Garb Goes Under QM Knife

Snappier style and greater comfort have come to the officers' uniform, according to a recent QM announcement.

The sports back has been replaced by a plain back. Those "zooty" vertical seams from the collar of the blouse to the tops of the upper pockets have been eliminated. Even the belt has undergone streamlined changes.

Patterned for eight builds, the new clothes will greatly eliminate the need for specially tailored duds, the Army believes.

UNDOUBTEDLY

In Eskimo language "I love you" is "Univigsantuinalfinanpiarisquerjak." One reason why the nights are so long, no doubt.

HAPPY VALLEY

By Pvt. Frank Meehan

Happy Valley, now in preparation for the IG, takes time out to let some of the latest news trickle out.

Eggie DeRoche thanks the cartoonist for the picture, with a snarl on his face. Little Frankie Dolar, we believe, is losing his shyness toward women. Fact was discovered at last dance.

Robert Christie is moaning and tearing what remains of his hair because no one will fix "Old Betsy." So what. He never goes anywhere. Hmmm?

A. B. Benton is now the first soldier of the battery and no one is growling. Congratulations Archie, but where are the cigars?

Frankie Dolar made T-5 and as a special supper treat cooked some lovely beans.

An accident in the hills now leaves Black Boy Mitchell with a gap in the front of his mouth. Line of duty too. 'Nerves' Owens is going to lose his bottom molars if he does not stop practicing to be a buzz saw. 'Yulp Yulp' Klein says there are going to be twins in the family soon. This, we have to see.

The recent dance in the Blue Room was an attraction, and then some. Everybody danced for a change, with Allen King and Mike Minish leading the pack. "Professor" Harrington, genial host (acting), made the rounds welcoming everybody, even as they were leaving.

A gunner's exam was held this past week for some of the salvo boys and results were highly satisfactory.

A visual inspection by an EM of this organization proves the fact that 'G' Battery has the best guards in the fortifications.

Barry Keglers Strike F-6th, Marin; Lose 1

In a return kegling match with F-6th's ebony pounders, I-6th once more proved its superiority by rapping the Bakermen recently 2337 to 2271 at the Marin Bowl, San Rafael.

Big gun of the match, however, was Sergeant Oswald, F-6th, who got a high series of 547 and high game of 232. Pfc John Pieper, of the winners, hammered out a 496 series and 201 high game.

I-6th 815 766 757—2337
F-6th 751 759 761—2271

Last week I-6th also split a pair of matches in San Rafael, losing to Court House Creamery by more than 200 pins and whipping the Marin Bowling Team of San Rafael by more than 300 pins.

T-5 Lowell Lukin, I-6th, proved high scorer of both matches, bagging a solid 623 series against Marin. High game was snared by Cpl. Otis Langford, 243. Mr. Caetano was high shooter with Creamery, 583; Mr. Besozzi got a 223 game against the artillerymen.

I-6th 769 820 912—2501
Creamery 930 839 950—2719
I-6th 851 895 834—2580
Marin 739 825 688—2252

Camp Beale Soldier Tests Draft Board; Classed 4-F

Sgt. Larry Porter of Camp Beale, Calif., is wondering if he is commando material or 4-F, according to a recent article in Army Times.

While furloughing he called on a friend at the office of the draft examining board. In the mood for fun, Porter stripped down and got in line with a group of inductees, just to see what would happen.

"Your eyes are too weak and, besides, you're not in very good physical condition," he was told. "We can't take you."

Hear tell of 'Beaver' Barth and 'Question Mark' Rochambeau going



out on a 24-hour pass with a dollar between them. USO sports.

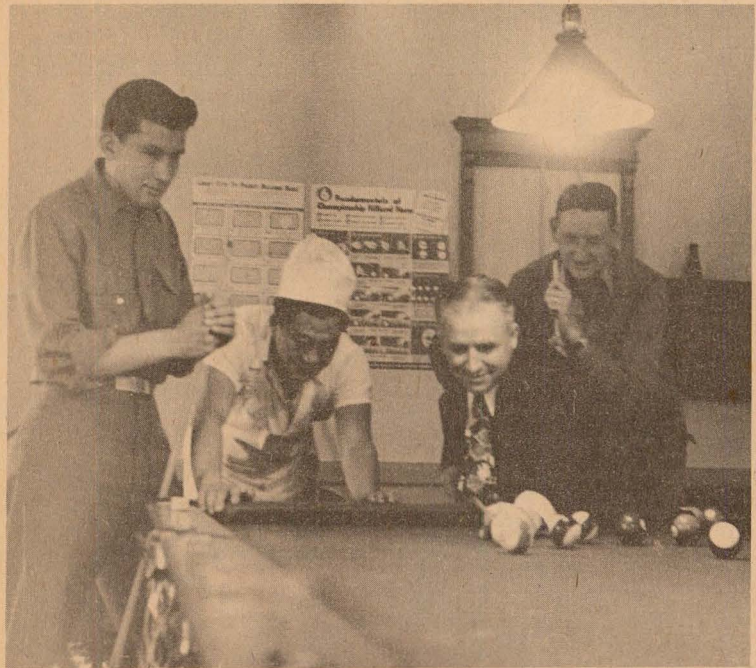
'Baldy' Royer took off for SD at the motor pool. He hated to leave the Valley but duty called. Wayne Sparrow has decided to become a painter after he gets out of the Army. An amazing thing befell when 'Pops' Crafton returning from Indiana said in a solemn voice, "I am married."

Letter from Art Copeland discloses the fact that he is in North Africa somewhere. Fast work.

Congrats to 'Shtinky' Beres who is now Chief of Section at BC. 'The Chief' Acuna went to the Point to demonstrate a shoot.

Jack Shaws went down there as BC and wound up as a KP. Nice advancement.

After a recent inspection John Wright has decided to not keep his hair cut in a Hollywood style. Rochambeau wants to buy some solution so he can keep his hair at least another year.



Andy Ponzi, three times world pocket pool champ, shows the boys how it should be done in the SCU dayroom, Fort Scott. Pfc Ralph Gutierrez, T-4 Wayne Chinn (cook) and Pfc William Fields are impressed.

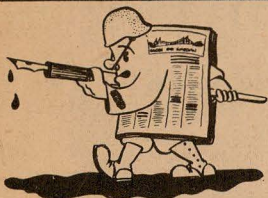
Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Pets Beget Whet Threat

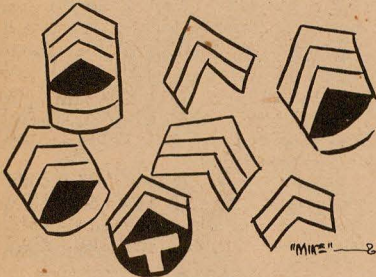
REPORTING REPORTERS



CPL. HUBERT RENNIE, T-5 HARRY KANE, PFC. JOHN WOODALL, T-4 R. E. OLSON, PFC. BOB CHRISTIE, T-4 BILL EWING, T-5 RAY COLONNA, PFC. BOB MURPHY, CPL. JOE MALLAS, SGT. LEONARD JUNROE, T-5 JOHN O'DONNELL, PVT. FRANK MEEHAN.

BAYVIEW INN

The old Inn is beginning to look more like the Washington Pentagon these days with all the new stripes commissioning up the corridors. The PX reportedly is down to the last Roi Tan. Among those noticed buying and passing (?) were former S/Sgts. Morris Durant, Homer Jack and James Longwill, who now know what it feels like with two under the arc. Edgar Jones, Arthur Luman



and Maurice Reid are now staffs and therefore eligible for both day and night duty.

Prospective fire watchers are ex-Cpls. Joseph Wojacki, Louis Licht and T-5 Vernon Conway who are now bucks from buckin! Speaking of corporals and guys named Joe, those former Pfc's Joe Boben, Joe Coleman and Jose Gonzales took turns polishing the apple, and ended up a notch further in the pay line.

The gang that just made it by the skin of their T-5's included Curtis Metcalf, Morris Rabinowitz, Joseph Radler, Hardy Ross, Marion Schmidt and John Trede.

During the absence of 1st Sergeant Robinson who has been enjoying the view from the Baker Station hospital, Sgts. Bert Nichols, Jack Cameron and T-5 Monroe Irving have been taking turns sitting in the chief's chair. So far no measurements have been taken.

Heading for early October weddings are ace photographer S/Sgt. Alvin Stuller who is going to have his picture taken for life with Mildred Klepfer at the Presidio Chapel, Oct. 1, and S/Sgt. Earl Lake of the PM office who says he has been an investigator too long to divulge any details until after the ceremony.

Welcomes are extended to Capt. Arthur Fidgeon who has returned from an extended sojourn, and congratulations to Lt. Joseph Jones for all the extra duties he assumed during the captain's absence. By the way, the captain has promised to take care of that jeep ticket, lieutenant.

H-BARRY

By Pfc Dick Hamilton

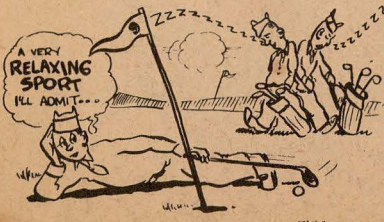
Pfc Richard Hamilton, former battery clerk, is off for Adjutant General's School at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. Pvt. Robert Buccella has taken over and Bob says, "Boy, everything would just be wonderful if I could only type."

Much to everyone's surprise and relief T-5 P. D. (Point Detonating) Chapman got through the last inspection just dandy with the exception of three loose bolts.

Cpl. Tony Viviano and Pfc Earl Benoche are still talking about their recent jaunt to Santa Barbara as battery power on the HDSF softball team.

Cpl. Harvey Behrende is receiving his telephone calls at home on his Fresno furlough, but a certain pay phone he left behind is still busy. Harvey, we have a message for you. Call on 596.

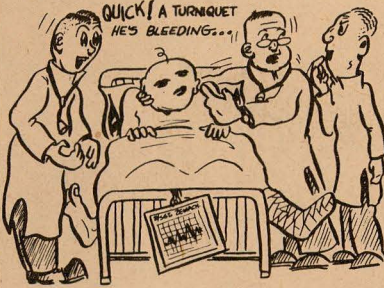
S/Sgt. Glen Munn, Sgt. Jack Burstall and Cpl. Mike Welch have been shooting quite a bit of golf lately but what the boys in the back room



would like to know is—just how early is seven o'clock in the morning, fellas?

HQ MALE ROOM

No HDSF dogface column would be quite complete without mentioning The Ghost—T-4 Mordecai Zemak, now sweating out a term in the Fort Baker Hospital. Recently, Sgt.



Morris Stein, RSO 'commisar,' visited his ailing buddy, Zemak, in Ward 14.

There The Ghost lie, smiling, but white as the sheet upon which he lay—that is white, except for blotches of red that shone from his cranium. They were lipstick marks left by a visiting gal friend.

Why Sgt. Stanley Hall is placing himself on the marriage block, is conjecture. His buddies say he is only kidding about the "widow and ten kids" plan. On second thought, he may just as well sweat out the duration.

T-5 Joe Blanchard has been practicing with the paddle and is beating the ping-pong stars. He expects to win the battery clerk championship before V-Day from Cpl. John Proctor.

Some of the "low ball" enthusiasts have been behind the "low ball" of late. Pete Kolopanos, new building 6 custodian, refers to himself as an example, as does Carl Steen, the mailman.

The all-out inspection last week was a success, according to a communique recently issued jointly from the office and supply room. Moments before 'I-DAY,' Private Gerner was seen still initialing his socks and stitching up a frayed shirt. He passed.

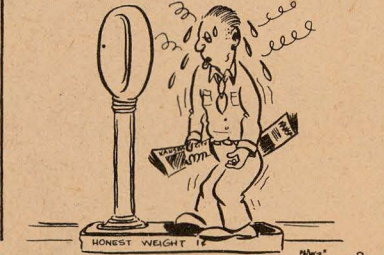
I AT BARRY

Sgt. Russell Martin is now being tagged by his buddies as 'Caboose' because the boys say he can always be depended upon to bring up the rear of a march.

The well known sprinter, Cpl. Norm Hibberd, is rumored to be in training at El Patio and from all accounts he is to the dance what Sinatra is to the voice.

T-5 Raymond Weisbrod following along the lines of Izaak Walton is claiming the title of No. 1 angler in the Harbor Defenses. He caught one striped beauty that slipped the scales at 17 pounds. Some of the boys are complaining that it's beginning to smell like Friday every day around here.

It's a third stripe for ex-Cpl. Raymond Smith, but the new buck sergeant says the promotion will make no difference in his old friendships.



T-4 Ralph Hund has been losing some weight lately sweating out train schedules in Kansas City, while Pvt. Howard 'Rigid' Kafer has been putting some on with those side orders at the bowling alley. They aren't doing Kafer's average on the alleys any good, either.

Pvt. Edward Aduskevich is catching up on some much needed rest in the hospital during T-5 John Kressig's absence on furlough. Cpl. Joseph Cichon has just returned from East St. Louis wearing the proud papa look. Saw the little one for the first time and claims the darlin is the image of the old man.

When they met at a dance at the Russian Center in SF three months ago, Pvt. John Krieger, battery gunner, and Lilly Steinech, San Francisco cutie, were total strangers. Today Lilly sports one of those sparklers, Krieger a great big grin. They're to wed in November.

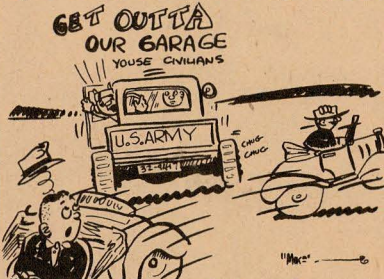
'E' TUNNELEERS

By Cpl. Joe Malas

LOST: 'Babe,' our esteemed Fox Terrier, has finally broken her excellent record by going AWOL, so if any of you GI's around the Harbor Defenses see her, please turn her in for punishment to Btry. E. 'Babe' is a black Fox Wire Terrier with a white breast mark and two white paws. Tel: Barry 32.

T-5 'Pop' Cardinal heard rumors of an oncoming furlough so now he's looking for a good man to step into his place while he's gone. 'Pop' says, "he'll have to stay in every night and 'check-up' the same as I do."

The Battery 'E' garage is now 'open for business.' See Sgt. Schick



for details—he's ripping them all apart now. Just park yours in line and when you return it will be strewn on the ground.

The 'hoop-shooters' are again in stride and from the looks of things those boys are going to be tops in basketball this year. They're practicing every chance they get, even though they lost one of their stars to OCS during the past year.

Congratulations from all the boys goes to Pfc Donald Deuter who said 'I do' at the Fort Scott Chapel Sept. 5th.

Sgt. Krushane has found himself painter and decorator of barracks No. 3. We're waiting for the bill now.

One of our sergeants has fallen madly in love—call Mill Valley—for his heart—that's where it was last seen.

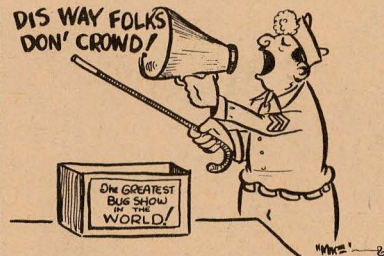
FUNSTON CANNONEERS

By T-4 Bill Ewing

The Cannoneers are getting on the beam, except for the office clerks and a S/Sgt. who are looking for a little boy to run around after them and pick up the things they lose. Perhaps 'Massa' Dabney can help them out in some of his spare moments.

Those new stripes now being displayed by some of the local talent were well earned. They could buy a much better brand of cigars; those twisted ropes are sorta stout.

We now have an entomologist in the battery. Sgt. Tooman captured a little black bug, which he carries with him even on pass. He gives it



an hour's sunshine every day. Tooman claims that it can dance, sing and do a few other tricks. He was recently seen at a very prominent theatrical agency trying to put little Miss Bug 'Mable' on the stage.

Latest home breaker of the battery is Cpl. Jim Hvizdos.

Sgt. Harrell was in the dog house again. Perhaps he should comply with the little woman's desires more often. He could then go home and not have to beg not to get the whip used on him.

The only member of the battery who can ride the street cars and not pay is 'Curly' Lerner. He has a flame on every car and really rides the trolley in style.

'A' DISTRIBUTION BOX

By PFC John Woodall

Pvt. Alexander Sokol did not mind being awakened at 0200 with a call from the hospital telling he was the father of a 7-lb. 5½-oz. baby boy last week. The newcomer has a sister, now two years old. Phillies were passed around by Papa Sokol.

Congratulations are in order for the following who have received their just deserts: Cpl. Charles Schwegman to Sgt. T-5 James McWilliams to T-4; Pfc. Joseph Gosselin to Cpl.

We doubt if many G. I.'s in the fortifications can equal the record of War Bond buying set by Pvt. John Wall. By supplementing his



army pay outside income, Wall just purchased his 51st War Bond to bring the total value up to \$1500.

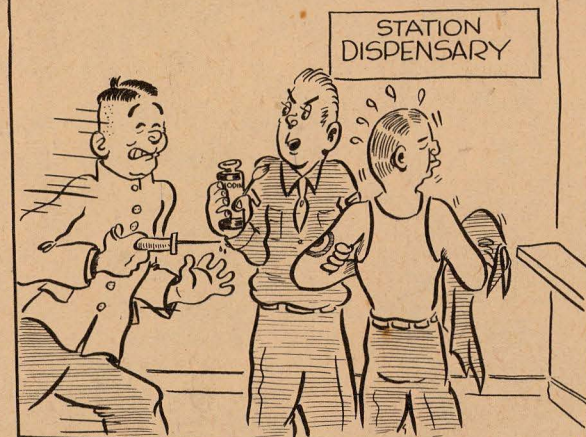
Cpl. Carl Brothers has just about completed the commando training at Fort Cronkhite. He says he has been trimmed down and hardened. The highlight of his training came when Maj. Gen. Charles H. Bonesteel paid a visit and watched the commandos go through their paces.

Pfc William Murdy returned from a trip to Santa Barbara with glowing accounts of a beautiful city and sun-tanned honeys. He played in the 9th Service Command playoffs on the HDSF softball team.

With one family of kittens already on his hands, Pfc Leslie Monroe is wondering where he will be able to bunk the latest ones with which Tabby is about to present him.

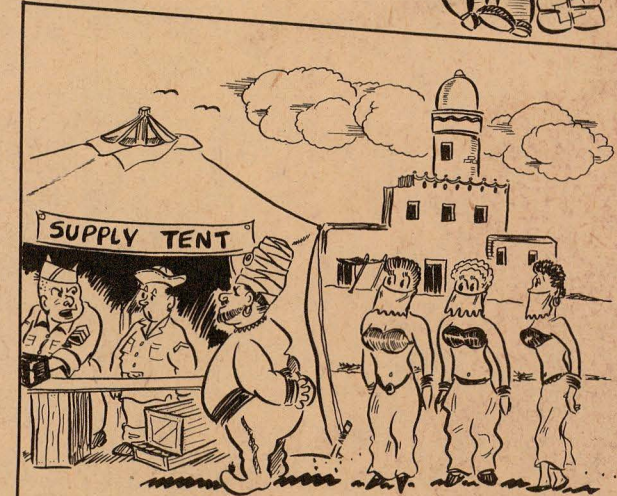
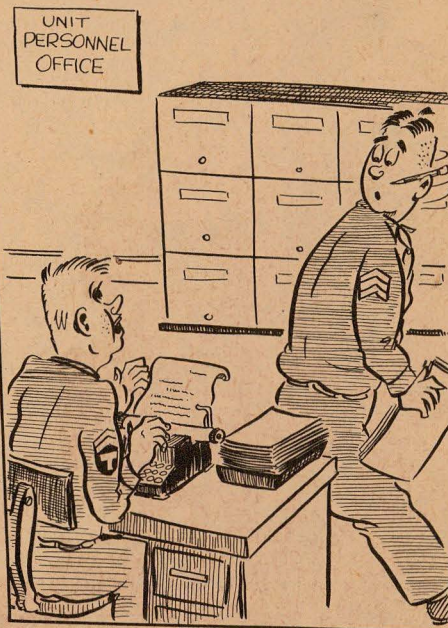


"LEMME SEE NOW... THAT'S SEVEN BULL'S EYES, SIX FOURS, THREE TWOS AN' FOUR MAGGIE'S DRAWERS."

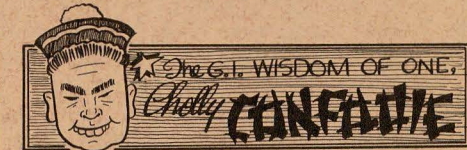


VERSE (COULD BE)
HERE LIES THE BODY OF PRIVATE SMITH
WHO DIED OF A HEART ATTACK—
HIS Q.M. LAUNDRY WAS PROMISED FOR FRIDAY
AND FRIDAY HE GOT IT BACK.

"D'YA REALIZE THAT TYPEWRITERS IS VERY MUCH LIKE WIMMIN...YA TOUCH TH' WRONG PLACES AND YOU GET TERRIBLE WORDS."



"TELL HIM SALVAGE AIN'T 'TIL AFTER THE FIRST OF TH' MONTH."



- * FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN MOST SERGEANTS AND PRIVATES IS PURELY PLATOONIC.
- * SAILORS MAKE THEIR LIVING ON THE WATER BUT NEVER TOUCH IT WHILE ON SHORE.
- * RECORDS SHOW MISTLETOE WAS VERY FIRST FORM OF BOOBY TRAP.
- * SOLDIERS SHOULD TREAT THE GIRLS LIKE WAR BONDS—GET A NEW ONE EVERY MONTH.
- * PETTING IS THE STUDY OF ANATOMY BY THE BRAILLE SYSTEM.
- * SOLDIER WHO TELLS GIRLFRIEND HE WILL GO THROUGH HELL FOR HER—USUALLY DOES WHEN THEY GET MARRIED.
- * ETCHINGS ARE FETCHING BUT LIQUOR IS MUCH QUICKER.

"MIKE" MIKOS

Enemy Becoming Tottery in 4th Year of War

Today, December 7, 1944, starts the fourth year of our armed struggle against tyranny. There are indications that this may be the final Dec. 7 of the war. The Yanks, English, French and Russians are punching their way toward the center of the Reich.

At present the Rhine River is being crossed at some points. When the Rhine Valley is taken all of Germany may be in a state of collapse as most of her products for war come from there.

Sunrise to Sunset

With Japan's home islands under constant attack by B-29's and many of her vital island bastions either captured or cut off from supplies and possible troop replacements, her position becomes more untenable with every sunrise.

There is no need to emphasize the tremendous struggle that still lies ahead, of the fighting and blood that must yet be spilled before "calling it a day."

But the end is in sight.

Within these fortifications artillerymen have been on the alert for three long years and in combined operation with the Navy, Coast Guard and Air Corps have kept the enemy from encroaching upon this important world harbor installation.

Constant Alert

The alert status will be observed every minute of every day until the military machines of both the Germans and Japs are forever destroyed.

Pearl Harbor to every Yank in uniform represents a cold

blooded murder orgy performed by the Japanese to bring us to our knees—or at the least discourage us from assisting the Chinese and Burmese in their struggle for existence.

The unprovoked crime, having met with partial success, led to full scale attacks on American soldiers, sailors and marines who were stationed at isolated outposts in the Pacific.

Merciless Punishment

Men in uniform were not the only ones to die. Nurses and civilians were meted out the same merciless punishment. Women and children of peaceful villages were ravaged and slain.

The devastation parallels in wanton destruction the fate of the Poles, Dutch, Belgians, French, Greeks, Yugoslavs, Czechs, Russians and other

peoples of Europe and Asia who did not want war and were too weak to defend themselves.

These world power-seeking militaristic nations were confident of signing peace terms in Washington, Moscow, London and Chungking in no time at all.

From a peaceful nation with less than half a million armed men prepared to fight, we have since become the "Arsenal of Democracy," the "most productive nation," the "single, greatest fighting force the world has ever known."

An Important Role

Soldiers who have trained with this command to protect the San Francisco harbor installations and the Bay waterways do not sport "salad bowls" on their tunics. The work they have done — sowing mines,

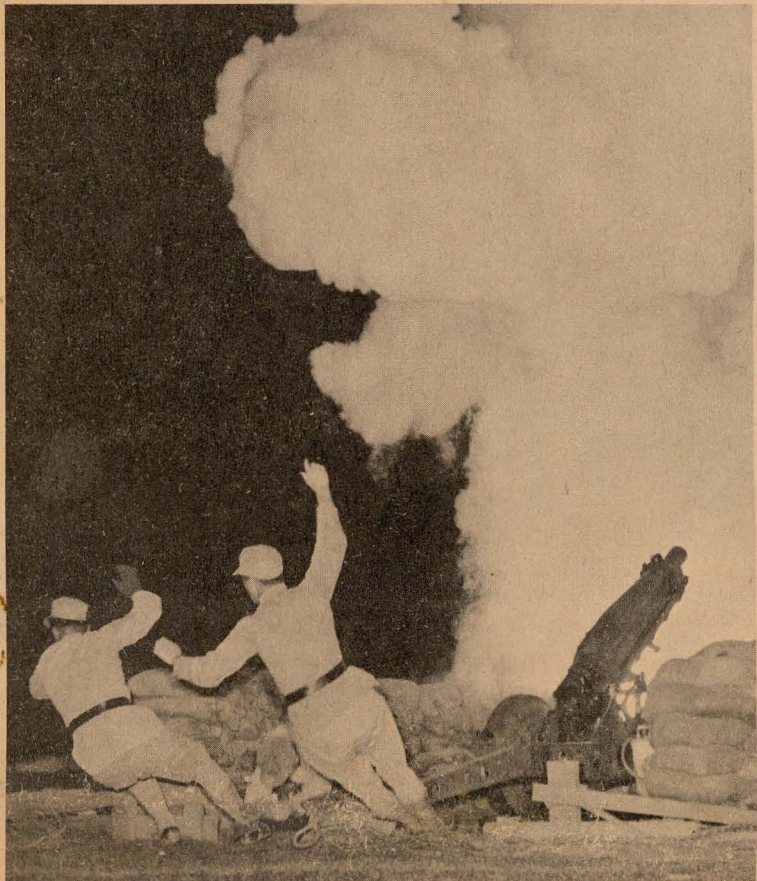
manning huge coastal batteries, keeping constant watch with sea, undersea and air attack detecting devices, establishing and operating a "brain center," walking guard and fulfilling hundreds of other important military duties—may not bring citations, but they certainly play a part in winning this war.

Three years ago today the commandant of this military area said:

"No enemy ships shall pass through the Golden Gate!"

Soldiers of this command have upheld that declaration.

When December 7, 1945, rolls around, not only Pearl Harbor, but Rotterdam, Leduc, Coventry, Warsaw and Stalingrad will have been avenged in full.



"This Day shall live in infamy," were words spoken by the President of the United States four years ago when destruction rained down on this nation at peace. Japs die at their guns while Allied victories chalk up to avenge that Day. (Signal Corps Photo—Army-Navy War Show)

Post-War Advice By Noted Speaker Given to SCU-ers

Predicting a "better world to live in," Dr. Walter Friedlander, noted writer and lecturer, informed an SCU discussion group at the Fort Scott theatre last week about the opportunities afforded the average discharged soldier upon his return to civilian life.

"The veteran of World War II will be infinitely better off and helped for more intelligently back to normalcy in the world he left than was his predecessor of World War I," Dr. Friedlander said.

The advantages offered in the field of education were stressed by the lecturer, who advised soldiers to avail themselves of the opportunities to prepare for a "great future."

Ack-Ack Men Get Deserving Praise

Balsa Point AA training units from the 172d C.A. and 173d C.A. battalions recently received a pat on the back for work well done on the Camp Hell 'n Gone firing range.

They were given words of praise by the Plans and Training office for knocking down three sleeve targets and accounting for approximately 20 hits in one series of firing.

According to S-3 this is nothing unusual for gun crews of this command.

"Every group of men who have been engaged in this training have done outstanding work. Each deserve similar praise for their firing ability and all around good work," it was said.

Army-Navy Game!

At Baltimore, Md., Army's first undefeated team in more than a decade scuttled a strong Navy football team, 23 to 7.

At Fort Scott last Saturday another Army-Navy game was played for the six-man football championship of the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco. The score was . . . well, read all about the game in the GGG sports section, page 6.

Baker Wac, Barry EM Tie the Knot

In a simple informal ceremony at Chaplain Frederick Essig's quarters at Fort Baker last Friday, Pvt. Doris Blum of the Wac Det., was married to Pfc Archie Hodges, Fort Barry dispensary pill roller.

Sir GI Joe and Ma'am GI Jane met at the Fort Baker Hospital about four months ago.

Before coming in the Army, Private (Mrs.) Hodges, whose home is in New Hyde Park, Long Island, worked as an assembler in an airplane factory. Her brother is a soldier in the European theatre of operations.

Archie has been in the Army six years and his home is Fairbury, Neb.

Finance Clerk Passes Calif. State Bar Exam

After ten years of study, most of it at night and four years while in uniform, T-4 Louis Licht, Finance Office clerk, received notification last week that he passed the California State bar examinations.

The Committee of Bar Examiners announced 141 men and women passed the California State bar examinations out of about 3800 who tried.

Lawyer Licht claims this was his first attempt at passing the bar, though he has spent many off hours in the Army pouring over legal studies. His final formal schooling was done at evening classes in a San Francisco law school.

A native of Los Angeles, Sergeant Licht has intimated that he may hang up his shingle in San Francisco. "A general practice" is what the 29-year old lawyer in OD's expects to follow.

Mr. 5x5 Heads Hot USO Troupe

Known simply as Tabloid Troupe No. 104, a sizzling group of five USO entertainers brought rhythm and laughs—plenty of laughs—to HDSF's stationed at outlying areas throughout the Bay Region last week.

Headed by a real five by five, Marty Kramer, who snapped out some of the peppiest quips ever sounded off in an artilleryman's ears, the show also included two lithe, attractive girls, Dorothy Lee, dancing gal from Texas, and Robin Lord, blonde-haired, green-eyed songstress.

Cass Twid, "specialist," did a number of entertaining things with the banjo and clarinet besides throwing himself around in a series of acrobatic maneuvers.

New Yorker Pep Fields did most of the accompanying on the squeeze box.

COMPARE RANKS

R.A.F.	U. S. ARMY
Air Chief Marshal	General
Air Marshal	Lieutenant General
Air Vice-Marshal	Lieutenant General
Air Commodore	Brigadier General
Group Captain	Colonel
Wing Commander	Lieutenant Colonel
Squadron Leader	Major
Flight Lieutenant	Captain
Flying Officer	1st Lieutenant
Pilot Officer	2nd Lieutenant



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Wising Up

"How to Hatch a Nest Egg" received prompt attention this week when every soldier in the command found a red covered pamphlet with that title on his bunk, explaining the many ways he can save for the future while in uniform.

The GI Bond (\$7.50 Gets You \$10) and the four per cent interest Soldiers' Deposits were explained in full, as were the various allotment plans.

Personnel offices have since announced a sizeable upsurge in "business," especially in the soldiers' deposits department. Bank savings accounts, usually carry a 1.5 per cent interest on deposits; the Army's saving plan paying four per cent, may have something to do with it. GI's are getting wise.

Christmas Issue

Look for the souvenir Christmas edition of The Golden Gate Guardian two weeks from today.

Pics, art by outstanding Harbor Defense artists, glamour, punch. You'll want a copy to send home.

Truck Smacks Into Scott Gas Station; New One to Open

Misjudging the height of the gas station canopy at Fort Scott, a young San Francisco truck driver drove the top siding of his vehicle into the canopy last week, causing damage to both vehicle and gas station.

Questioned by the Provost Marshal's office, the 18-year-old driver confessed this was his first day out as a truck driver.

"I was only trying to help out the war effort the best way I could," the young man declared.

Unintentionally he did, according to the Post Engineers. Plans have been under way to tear down the old gas station structure and widen the road between the PX building and Post Engineer building area.

A new PX gas station, which may not be in operation until the first of the year, will be located next to the parking lot, adjacent to the Fort Scott dispensary.



CLOSE ANYHOW—This young feller didn't quite judge the height of the Scott PX gas station canopy as this picture testifies. No hard feelings were exchanged between the driver and the Army because plans were being formulated to move the gas station site at an early date.



Who's beating my time around here?

Kurt - - G.I. Citizen

'Kurt' is a fictitious name. The statements are not. There are many Kurts in the Army, a few who have been soldiering in these defenses for many months.

It is from Kurt, the Bavarian-German born HDSF artilleryman, who wears the good conduct award with as much pride as he does his hash mark, Pfc stripe and marksmanship medal, that we learn about Democracy:

"When I came to the United States shortly after the last war, I settled in a Milwaukee community where many spoke my tongue. I was given an opportunity to ply my trade (sausage manufacturer) until I was drafted into the Army, almost a year before Pearl Harbor.

"Ever since coming to this country I have done well. Before entering the service I had a fine car, money in the bank, good clothes and many friends.

"In 1939 I visited Germany to see my relatives once more. Hitler had been in power six years. My people appeared to be content, even enthusiastic about the future. But the gayety and humor, so much a part of their life before, was gone.

"Rationing was already in effect and they were not eating well. They lived on the spirit imbued in them by their leaders.

"When I first spoke of America they merely tolerated my enthusiasm through courtesy. Before leaving my home town I had openly created the displeasure of former friends. They just could not accept my word-picture of what it means to live for oneself and family instead of for the state.

"Because of the place of my birth, the fact, that neither I or any of my relatives have been openly ravaged by the Nazis, my patriotism has sometimes been questioned by well meaning buddies.

"I don't care for KP or prison chasing duty. Neither do they. I don't like the way some sergeants part their hair. In that I am not alone either. Too many GI's are stripe happy—and that includes me.

"For my gripes nobody takes a poke at me. I'm not court martialed or placed on extra duty. The Army treats me the same as Malcolm Jones or Richard Cabot.

"I am not only proud of the uniform I wear, but the job I and my buddies are asked to do—rid the world of intolerance, brutality and demagogue teachings."

And we're proud too—of Kurt and his sincere efforts in helping to bring peace to the world. We're proud of Kurt, Citizen of the United States.

"Japs are losing face in the East and everybody knows what Hitler is losing in the West."

—4th Air Force, Calif., 'Clipper'

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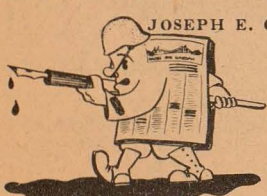
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Know Your Leaders

Rear Admiral Daniel Barbey He Did the Returning

By Pfc Robert Mooney

Rear Admiral Daniel Barbey is the man who landed MacArthur on Leyte to fulfill his promise of "I will return."

Since Barbey joined MacArthur in 1943 they have been on their way back to the Philippines, but this last hop of the journey found Barbey with a much different force than did his first landings at Woodlark and Kiriwina in June, 1943. In Jan. 1943 Barbey was an admiral without a navy, for the 7th Amphibious Force had no ship. His flag first flew from an old repair ship but today it represents a self-sustaining task force of 600 vessels.

'Duck-bill'

Admiral Barbey possesses one of the most common physical badges of top-notch fighting men, a big, jutting nose. This feature and his connection with amphibious craft accounts for the title which is sometimes bestowed upon him—"The duck-billed Admiral." The rest of his features are big in proportion and the whole Barbey countenance, with dark brown eyes under heavy, arched eye-brows and iron-gray hair, silvered at the temples, adds up to something like a Roman senator.

He is a little above average height, brisk and quick-moving, and in good physical trim.

At 54 years of age "Uncle Dan" Barbey is a typical product of the U. S. Navy's way of life. His special trait is his boundless, insatiable curiosity. His unvarying salute is, "Come here, sit down and tell me more news." He wants to know what is going on in London, Washington, Chungking, and almost everywhere.

Thirst for News

Journalists who meet the admiral for the first time are likely to think they have stumbled upon a gold mine—an affable brass hat brimming with information. Presently they realize it is the admiral and not they who thirsts for news.

"Uncle Dan" was quite an athlete in his younger days. He once climbed the Matterhorn and swam the Bosphorus. Today when he has a free moment he jumps into a



landing craft, goes ashore and takes a swim. Lately, one landing after another have come so close together that he hardly has time for these dips.

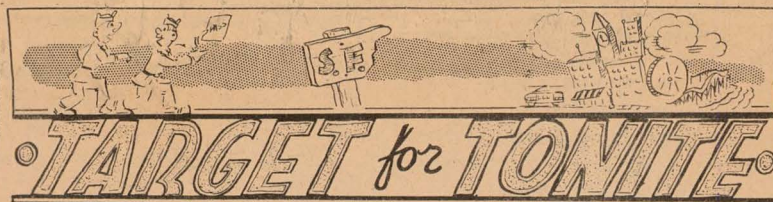
Since graduation from Annapolis in 1912 Admiral Barbey has served on warships in every ocean, been port officer in Cardiff, Wales, and flag secretary, aide and operations officer to Rear Admiral Mark L. Bristol, high commissioner to Turkey in 1920-22.

Amphibious Warfare

Barbey's interest in amphibious warfare dates back to about 1937 when he was in charge of the planning section of the Bureau of Navigation in the Navy Department. About the only people interested in amphibious warfare at that time were the Japs.

In 1940 Barbey took part in the first amphibious training maneuvers ever held, with the 1st Marines in Puerto Rico. In 1941 he was made chief of staff of the new amphibious and service force of the Atlantic Fleet. In 1943 Barbey assumed command of the Amphibious Forces of the Seventh Fleet in the Southwest Pacific.

Since then he has conducted most Southwest Pacific invasions—more such operations than anyone else in the world and very rightly deserves the title of "Grandfather of U. S. Amphibious warfare."



There are only 14 shopping days until Christmas fellows, so be sure and have your gifts selected, wrapped and sent home before settling down to targeting the holiday fun with "Tom and Jerries."

Those handy with the knife at carving other things besides turkey are invited by soapsters Proctor and Gamble to participate in their 20th Annual Ivory Soap Sculpture Competition.

Prize money amounts to \$2,925 and the contest closes May 15, 1945. Send your entry to the National Soap Sculpture Committee, 160 Fifth Ave., New York.

Symphony

In the best seats and for free GI symphony lovers can sit, dream and listen to San Francisco's finest musicians under the leadership of Pierre Monteux at the War Memorial Opera House. Send in your name or call the SCU SSO at 3644 for tickets to any Friday matinee or Thursday evening performance.

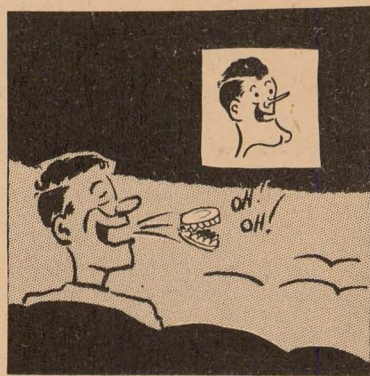
Legitimates

Legitimate tid-bits taking curtain-calls are "Ramshackle Inn" with Zazu Pitts of the fluttering hands at the Curran and breezy "Petticoat Fever" playing the Geary. Super new holiday revues in the merry water night spots include Ted Lewis at the Bal Tabarin and curvaceous torso tossing Carmen D'Antonio packing them in at Richelieu Casino.

"Together Again" with Irene Dunne and Charles Boyer plays today and tomorrow at the Fort Scott theatre followed on Friday and Saturday by Abbott and Costello's "Lost in a Harem." Darryl Zanuck's production of "Wilson" will occupy three hours Sunday and Monday, Dec. 10 and 11.

The following Wednesday and Thursday brings Humphrey Bogart and the new 110-pound sensational glamour bomb, Lauren Bacall, in "To Have and Have Not." "Dark Waters" with Merle Oberon will be shown on Friday of the same week. New canteens to visit during the

Sad, Sad Story GI Sez Hope Ain't Funny, At That



Bob Hope was very funny in "The Princess And The Pirate," and Pvt. Earl King of Hq-SCU was guffawing at his antics with the rest of the crowd at a recent Fort Scott theatre showing.

Then something happened; King's face sagged. Something was wrong, but he couldn't quite put his finger on it.

He left the show, still perturbed as to what could be ailing him. But the next morning when he bit down on a crisp piece of toast, he knew!

Rushing to the theatre, under the seat in which he had been sitting the night before, was the elusive item, just where they had popped out in the middle of a belly-laugh—his new set of false teeth!

festive month are the SOS at 678 Turk which features Sunday night specials and the CIO Servicemen's Center, 150 Golden Gate where name bands play until midnight on Saturdays.



—Photos by GGG

Do you believe American women have earned a more respected place in the industrial, political and commercial post-war world because of their willingness and proven ability to do a man's job in the war?



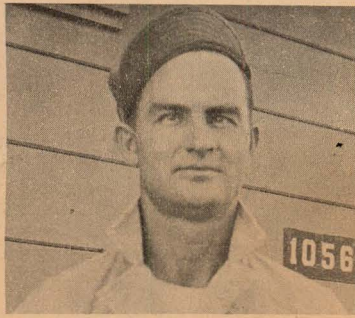
Pvt. Stanley Fernald, Ft. Scott

The admirable way that our women had to take over jobs that only men were thought capable of handling before—and the way in which they have done those jobs, surely merit applause from the menfolk now and after the war.



T-5 Robert Jensen, Ft. Cronkhite

Quite a number of women are doing men's jobs now. They should be encouraged to further their careers after the war.



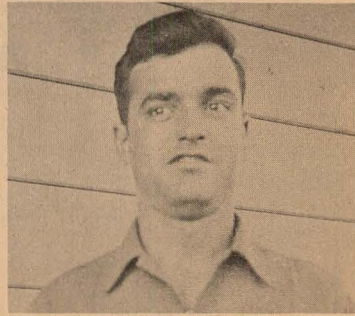
Cpl. Milas Schuster, Ft. Cronkhite

Our women have earned deep gratitude for the way they have pitched in to help us win the war. But the majority of the ladies will be glad to get back to their husbands and homes.



Pvt. Aaron Griffin, Ft. Cronkhite

I, for one, would sure like to get back to the woman I respect—my wife. It is my belief that men of the service will be glad to see their women go back to the home again.



Cpl. Lawrence Duval, Ft. Cronkhite

Women of our land have earned our undying respect. They should be given additional opportunities in industry and politics after the war.

SOFT SHOULDERS?

"The trouble with the straight and narrow," observed a Fort Miley soldier, "is there's no place to park."

FAMOUS WORDS:

"We don't want your money, all we want is your goodwill . . ."



WITH TWO CHARMING companions, Barrymen blood donors pose outside the San Francisco Blood Bank. It is fellows like this (and girls too) that are responsible for saving lives on the battlefields. "Keep it coming," is the plea. (Photo by GGG)

Blood Donated Here Gets 'Over There' Plenty Fast

Rallying to the cause, Harbor Defense blood donors went all out last week to help make record deliveries of whole blood and plasma life saving fluids to Leyte and other Pacific battlefronts, through the San Francisco Red Cross Blood Procurement Center.

Within forty-eight hours, in many cases, pints of blood donated by HDSF-ers are used to instill new life in broken bodies on the battle fields.

An outstanding organization in supplying blood donors, B-6th C. A., upheld their fine record last Thursday with eleven blood donors. Barrymen from A-172d C. A. also did right by themselves with about 14 blood donors.

The Funston Cannoneers, who have several "Gallon Men" in the organization, were generously represented by about 12 blood donors. Btry A-174th accounted for about five more.

The need for blood plasma and whole blood at the fighting fronts is still extremely great, and the assistance given by military and civilian personnel of this command does much toward assuring the return of fighting Yanks wounded in action.

The HDSF Blood Bank quota leaves from Post Hq Fort Scott every Thursday at 1430. Transportation for those stationed in outlying posts may be arranged through The GGG by phoning 3687.

New Library Marm on Duty

Assuming officially the duties of librarian of the Fort Scott Library last week, Mrs. Margaret Rodriguez announces late best sellers that have been added to the library shelves.

"Having discovered that our soldier readers have discriminate tastes, we make it a point to please them not only with the regular run of library novels, but frequently add the more popular titles," Mrs. Rodriguez declared.

The library, located atop the Post Service Club, has become one of the favorite haunts of EM and officers alike. There is reading matter on the shelves to satisfy almost any reading desire.

"Those who have a free hour or two will find the library, with its 1500 books and dozens of current periodicals, an ideal place to soak up information, entertainment or just relax," the new librarian stated.

Mrs. Rodriguez was formerly employed at the Denver Public Library and is a graduate of the University of Denver, School of Librarianship. Her husband, Lt. Kenneth Rodriguez, is serving with an Infantry unit somewhere in the Pacific.

'Saboteurs' Caught Funston's 'Duke' Snags Trespassers

On a recent dark, bleary morning, a gun crew of Funston Cannoneers went up to their 'Blitz Betsy' for a little workout. 'Duke,' the battery mascot, tagged along.

While the cannoneers went through their paces, Duke lounged close by giving his undivided attention to S/Sgt. Rochelle barking commands.

With sudden swiftness, Duke ran through the tunnel and onto the gun parapet, at the same time letting out some blood curdling yelps.

Several soldiers followed on the double, some with rifles ready.

When they caught up with Duke he had three "saboteurs" cornered against camouflage netting.

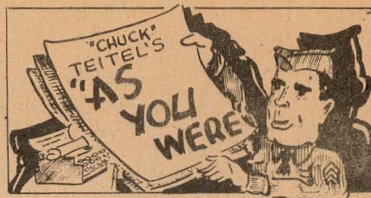
The "saboteurs"—ranging in age from eight to fourteen years—claimed they were not saboteurs but "rangers." After a tough grilling at the PM office the youthful trio were returned to their homes in San Francisco, where punishment recommended by the provost marshal was meted out.

The battery is formulating plans to honor Duke for his watchfulness.

FOXHOLE PAPER GETS SCOOP

Major Roy D. Craft, founder and editor of "Le Tomahawk," an Army paper printed for Yanks on the European battle fields, has been credited with one of the real scoops of the war. Twenty-four hours before the capitulation of Cherbourg, Craft headlined it in his paper.

New Guinea Wac Get Dates Cpl. Pearl's Letter Says



Starry-eyed, proud, delighted . . . It's a girl . . . Roberta Maurene.

Dark haired, diminutive, the pin-up type—she resembles mother . . . 6 pounds-12 oz.

Cigars . . . candy . . . flowers . . . telegrams. Forget anything? Oh, sure. Baby clothes, baby foods, basinet, aspirin.

Dogface father doing as well as can be expected.

Fatherhood is highly recommended.

GI's At Verdun Turn Out To Be Rewrite Men

According to Sgt. Bill Davidson, Yank staff correspondent, the names and home towns of both French and American GI's are scribbled all over the walls of the old forts and trenches of Verdun, famous First World War battlefield.

The American names are big and black and seem to blot out the others. One of them says: "Austin White, Chicago, Ill., 1918 and 1944. This is the last time I want to write my name here."

Life for young ladies in uniform serving in the Southwest Pacific is no where nearly so horrifying as some would believe, according to a letter recently received from former Scott-EW, Cpl. Pearl Young.

Dates are to be had in New Guinea, the former Finance Officer noncom revealed.

"To have dates we sign the fellow's name, serial number and outfit on a 'date roster' the morning before. When the date calls, his name is checked off. There is another check when he brings us back at 2200 o'clock."

The scenery is beautiful, Corporal Young relates, especially the beach where she is stationed. It is lined with palm trees and the sand is soft and nearly white. Bathing suits are fashioned from khaki shirts.

"We go for a dip when the mosquitoes have sun stroke. Everything the book says about malaria prevention we follow — from sleeping under nets, spraying the area with M bombs, eating atabrine and being quick on the swat."

As far as the natives are concerned, Pearl says: "The natives like the Wacs very much. On the day we arrived they greeted us with their faces and arms painted red and yellow, making all the girls beauty parlor conscious."

Corporal Young concluded her missive with greetings to all her friends at Fort Scott and Fort Baker with a standing invitation to drop in any time to crack a cocoanut or take a swim.

Sixth War Loan Well Under Steam With 'GI Bonds' the Favorite Buy

Lt. Answers Policy Query

Lt. Virginia Reed, Personal Affairs officer for Fort Scott and sub-posts, has outlined the following questions on insurance as being most troublesome to soldiers and their dependents:

Are my dependents adequately protected by insurance?

Should I buy insurance if I have no dependents?

Should I purchase commercial insurance in addition to National Service Life Insurance?

Should I convert my term insurance to a permanent policy? If so, what type is best for my particular situation?

Should my dependents KNOW that I have National Service Insurance?

What are the relative merits of investing money in insurance, bonds, or placing it in a bank?

These questions and others pertaining to insurance or savings that may concern the soldier, will be answered by Lieutenant Reed at Post Hq, Fort Scott, or by phoning 3825.

BOTTLE BABY

A pink elephant is a beast of bourbon.

WELL LUBRICATED

Just because a girl is well oiled is no sign she won't squeal.

With the Sixth War Loan well under way in the defenses, it is noted that the GI Bond allotment (\$7.50 Gets You \$10) deal is getting more play than any other, especially in the lower four grader group.

It is too early to give exact figures from any one organization, but those that have given an indication as to their progress in the drive, announce the allotment plan as "getting the boys."

Full tabulations on civilian personnel participation in the Drive have not been released by the Finance Office. Indications are that the 90 per cent participation goal will be reached if allotment and cash Bond purchases continue at the present rate, according to Capt. Walter Cornwell, finance officer.

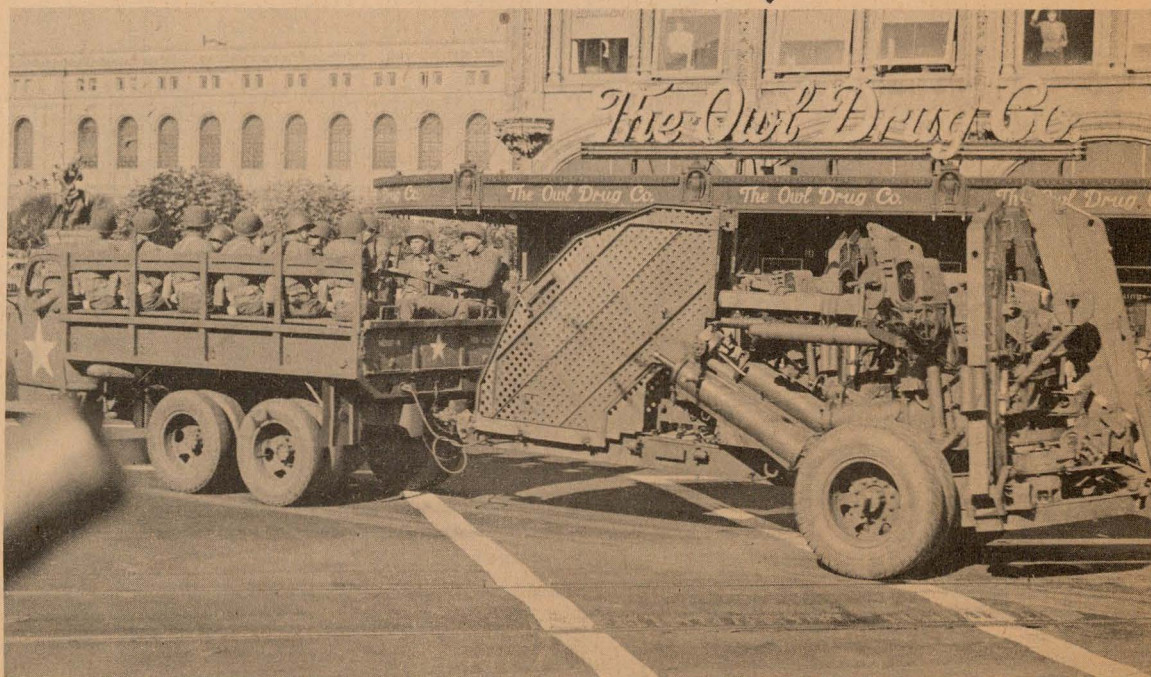
Troops of the command, including the 72d Army Ground Forces Band, have been actively participating at War Bond rallies. Capt. Donald Smith's searchlight battalion has been pulling double duty by participating in the Army-Navy War Show now performing in Berkeley, and showering the skies with lights for prospective Bond buyers.

The Harbor Defense War Bond quota, higher than it has ever been, is expected to be surpassed before the Drive ends, Dec. 31.

Every soldier and civilian who possibly can is urged to purchase one War Bond for cash besides carrying out a regular allotment, a recent Western Defense Hq. memorandum stated.



CANOPY ENTRANCE to the Post Library and Service Club at Fort Scott. Offices of the Post Special Service and Golden Gate Guardian are in this building.



PASSING IN REVIEW before thousands of San Francisco War Bond buyers lined up along Market St. in a recent Sixth War Loan rally, Yankee power showed off its stuff. The 90 mm rapid fire AA unit, operated by B-6th C.A. Bn. artillerymen, received considerable attention. The crew proved they could set up and fire the deadly weapon within five minutes from the word "GO!"

FUTURE VETS WANT BETTER JOBS V-DAY

G.I.'s Want Farms, Ranches, Own Biz

Future civilians of this command have indicated a strong desire to find their niche in post-war life, according to a recent preliminary survey conducted by the Information and Education offices.

The survey was to determine HDSF-ers' post-war plans and what they were doing to prepare for the future.

About half the soldiers queried announced that they do not intend to return to their former jobs. "Greater opportunities" and new interests gained while doing "GI chores" were given as reasons for seeking new fields of endeavor.

Till The Soil

Quite a number showed a desire to purchase ranches and farms, aided by government assistance, while a few want to start their own "little business."

The majority will be wanting better jobs than what they had before entering the Army. Few seem to be doing anything about it.

Under the GI Bill of Rights qualified veterans will be accorded opportunity to continue their education. Every veteran will have the privilege of employment consultation.

Reemployment offices are being maintained for discharged Yanks where they can be "screened" for the job they believe themselves best fitted for, and where every assistance will be given to enable them to find the job that best fits their personality and talents.

Few Takers

In the survey it was discovered that only a fraction of the men of this command are taking advantage of the correspondence courses and other education media offered them, though several have expressed an "interest."

Of those in the coast artillery, mathematics, languages and English are the preferred subjects to be studied, while SCU reports their personnel have declared greater interest in accounting and languages.

The study of electrical and aeronautical engineering, mechanics, diesel chemistry and physics are but a few of the specialized subjects soldiers have marked down as preferred

study subjects.

The United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI) offers academic and technical courses in almost all these studies. High school and college credits are given in many subjects. Universities also offer correspondence courses to Sir GI regardless of where he may be serving.

'Frisco Courses

Transportation for evening classes in San Francisco schools will be furnished by the I-E offices if enough soldiers sign up for classroom instruction. Science, shop and academic courses are offered at several SF schools.

Veterans interviewed by government agencies for employment have found their opportunities increased when they had a running knowledge of the work. They have also been placed in good jobs sooner as they did not have to go through a great deal of special instruction before taking over the position.

Complete information on study programs may be obtained from Capt. Robert Ballachey, I-E officer for HDSF personnel, or Lt. Richard Charters, SCU Information and Education officer.



PFC. JOHN DAVIS with Btry 'B'-173d CA at Fort Cronkhite pauses for a moment to look lazy at the sea as he recalls the not too lazy days on Southwest Pacific beaches where barbed wire entanglements were used as clotheslines to hang out dead Japs. Davis spent 32 months overseas in the Pacific theatre. (Signal Corps Photo)

ODE TO THE SIXTH

By Bernard Teitel

(Mr. Teitel, formerly a GI, knew the Sixth Coast Artillery and many of the artillerymen that comprised the regiment. When the 6th C.A. was put on an inactive status last month, Bernard Teitel composed this tribute.)

Her records steeped in glory—
Her honor trenched in bursts of flurry—
Her who kept vigil sturdy
While Pacific isles lived battles gorey.

She, anchored in a golden gate water,
Fresh of sinew, of brawn, of steel;
Spun with khaki tunic a rich robe
Stained with a mighty nation's might.

We watched through midnight's cell,
Twilight's mist, dawn's early light—
Praying, hoping, ready—knowing
When into tangled steel the base Jap stabbed,
The Bear would roar, whipping brine upon the flame,
Sending each invaled to his hell profane.

Her records are steeped in glory,
Her dreams thwarted by comrades forward march.
Long shall she live, though she no more is—
Ever shall she be Frisco's self-same SIXTH.

New Gyroscopic Gun Sight Used by RAF

A gyroscopic gun sight described officially as "almost uncanny in its accuracy" is now in use on RAF fighter planes, the air ministry disclosed to the Associated Press recently.

The sight, details of which were not revealed, eliminates to the last degree the chances of error due to human failure, the ministry added.

'B' LIONS

Coming in on a drumstick and a stripe was the order of the week during the Thanksgiving season. Five who managed to get plenty of both were Sgt. Richard McGee, Sgt. Russell Martin, Sgt. Joe Bosi, Sgt. LeFevre and T-4 Joe Fernandez who came off with a S/Sgt's share of the turkey.

Once upon a time there were three plotters, Cpl. Joseph Cichon, Cpl. Norman Hibbard and Cpl. Otis Lanford. Well, that was once upon a time because they're sergeants now. Suspected of listening in are Cpl. John Lewandowski, Cpl. Alfonso Ray and T-5 Jack Millium who made same while Cpl. Alfonso Ray and T-5 Walter Adams were cut in for just observing.

Seven corporals who finally completed their basic will be remembered as T-5 Joseph Fleming, T-5 John Kresic, T-5 Robert Lingenfelter, T-5 Rowland Maynard, T-5 John Stosky, T-5 Woodrow Wyant and Pfc Carl Reese.

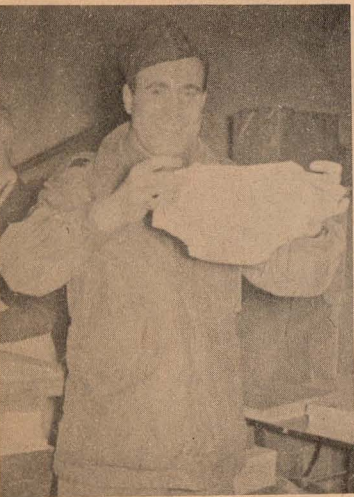
Cutting their T-5's are Pfc Woodrow Atkins, Pfc Angelo Bellora, Pfc Paul Berzonsky, Pfc Frank Garcia



and Pfc Robert Kelly. Also feeling their oats are Pfc Frank McMonagle, Pfc Francis Smith, Pfc George Sutton, Pfc Victor Valle and Pfc Howard Kafer.

Fifteen of the boys from the battery attended Thanksgiving dinners as guests in San Anselmo homes and later attended the dance at the country club. Cpl. Robert Lingenfelter closed the big holiday dinner at the mess hall with those solemn words, "Boy, Good Chow."

Pfc 3.2 Leonard laid off the regular prescription and as a consequence got laid up with a cold. Scott, the battery pooch, has been declared 4F



PROUD PAPPY. Ye Olde Ed, Sgt. Chuck Teitel, became the daddy of a baby daughter, Roberta Maurene, Sunday, Dec. 3. If this issue appears a bit more garbled than usual, blame it on Teitel's joy after "sweating it out" for some time. Here he holds up some convertible seat covers the boys at the print shop presented him with at a recent shower. For a more detailed account of what went on in his mind on the Big Day, refer to his column, 'As You Were,' page 3.

ETERNAL RACE

After all, the Constitution grants every guy the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, thought the GI as he chased her down another block.



MORE LIKE THE country estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt is this palatial estate known as the Hotel Biltmore of Santa Barbara. What makes this ritzy domain so popular with the soldier is that it has been taken over by the Army exclusively for the enlisted man returning from overseas while waiting reassignment. Tile lined bathrooms, swimming pools, maid service, hotel style prepared chow and a brightly polished MP acting as doorman are some of the appealing features. There are tennis courts and large lounging lawns. Two other "relocation resorts" are in Santa Barbara, one for officers. (Photo by GGG)

Buna and Kirwinia Vet Spends 32 Mos. in Southwest Pacific

SCOTT WACS

The little ladies occupying barracks 2 proved to be better losers than they were bowlers. Their sisters in uniform on the McDowell, Hamilton Field, Fort Mason and Camp Stoneman teams were treated to a chow-down by the cellar quintet, who then had the girls over to Scott for a real visit.

It's busy mending time with the girls sewing up the holes in their stocking toes. After all that writing



and whispering to Santa they don't want everything to fall through when they hang them up the night before.

Pvt. Margaret Hinson and Pvt. Lottie Jarosewska have asked the man with a sleigh to bring them a music box that plays "We've got it bad and that ain't good." Pvt. Lois Quallo went hog wild and hinted for an 'A' card. She got the car last season and hopes to drive it this one.

Ellen Westlund got her gift a little early in a set of sergeant stripes.

Pfc Dora Marsh returned from Camden, S. C., and came down with a bad case of furloughitis when she found out she was three days too early.

Ex-Wac Doris Funk returned to visit the other day to give us the civilian once over. Doris wears the honorable discharge button when setting about her household tasks while her husband carries on in the Navy, overseas.

The Wacs have adopted Lt. Patricia Elwell and Lt. Jean Holzhauer as "relatives." The girls refer to their popular officers as Mother Elwell and Auntie Holzhauer.

as a result of four-stepping in some glass.

Cpl. Albert Cook and his wife are pricing baby rattles while Pvt. John 'Gus' Kreiger is pricing wedding rings.

Pfc John Davis, 26-year-old CA (AAA) man with 32 months overseas combat credit, is now stationed at Fort Cronkhite.

John hails from Dalton, Georgia, and is one of eleven children. He has two brothers in the army, Sgt. Dan Davis with General MacArthur in the Philippines and Cpl. Bill Davis with two bags in the waiting room of an east coast POE.

The artilleryman joined up in '41 and hit Brisbane, Australia, in March of '42. He took his baptism of fire at Buna with an outfit that received a presidential citation, after which he returned to Australia and did some instructing on 155 millimeter guns. Then the boys set their sights right for some Japs at Kirwinia in the Trobean Island group where they enjoyed an open season on Nips for the next ten months.

Davis recalls that it was here some few nights after their arrival that he and three other fellows were on a gun position shooting the breeze when all of a sudden they found themselves half encircled by jungle lights.

The boys hit the ground just in time to duck a few grenades and escaped with minor casualties while a few hungry Japs got their stomachs full of lead. John says that the reason the incident was so unforgettable was the fact that the Japs showed damn bad taste trying to break up a GI bull session on the east end of the island when their gang were all reportedly on the northwest.

The best laugh John and the boys had was during an unexpected air raid one night on the same island when the bombs dropped first and the warning blew later with everyone scattering hell bent for foxholes. One of the 'hasty' kissed a tree on the run and blackened both his eyes. The next day he tried to alibi the shiners by telling his buddies he ran into some hand to hand combat with a Jap (the big one that got away). From then on his name was 'Jappy' and the foremost latrine psychologists diagnosed him as being "Jappy-happy with a combatin' complex."

For the closest shave in 32 months Private Davis relates the time he flew to Port Moresby with a WO to check the ammunition supply. A few minutes after their arrival 108 Japanese planes flew over and dropped 'em close enough to make John wish he had listened to his CO and taken out the full ten thousand.



Shaw Says Yanks Prefer Live Talent Bandsmen Highest Paid in Racket

By T-5 Jason Meyer

"After serving in the Navy and having been overseas with a Naval band unit for nearly two years, I know what the men in the Armed force want—and that's plenty of live entertainment. Especially where la femme does things. I fully concur with the stand taken by an Army paper when they said movie stars.. should.. have.. completed.. all scheduled engagements booked for Yanks in the combat zones."

Artie Shaw, bandsman supreme and former spouse of shapely film star Lana Turner, thus emphasized the value of entertainment for Yanks overseas, in a GGG interview at Civic Auditorium last week.

New Combo

Having recently been discharged from the Navy as chief petty officer, Shaw has reorganized a new combo. His west coast schedule calls for recording dates in Los Angeles, a picture in Hollywood, and a tour of the midwestern and eastern theaters starting this month.

About his decision against the use of fiddle players, Shaw said:

"String players are plenty hard to get. Besides, by not having strings the overhead is down and I can pay my boys that much more."

It is known among those in the business that Shaw pays among the highest salaries of any of the bandmasters in the country. Among those making the moola is Roy Eldridge (formerly with Gene Krupa) who is first trumpeter. He garners \$500 weekly. Also, there is Dodo Marmorosa, pianist, who played for Tommy Dorsey; Barney Kessel on the guitar; Ray Linn, ex-first trumpeter for Jimmy Dorsey, and girl vocalist Imogene Lynn, who in the past has warbled for Freddie Slack and Ray McKinley.

\$325 A Week

The average pay of each musician is around \$325 weekly.

Shaw's new outfit consists of five

sax, five trombones, four trumpets, one guitar, bass, drummer, and pianist. His one and only vocalist is of the fair sex.

"I have never had a male singer in all my years of leading a band. I'll hire a girl to do the vocalizing with the idea in mind that she will do all the warbling," the bandleader declared.

The bandsmen are scheduled to start a flicker in Hollywood before the year is out. What the film is about was as yet unknown to Artie.

Every element of the outfit is thoroughly versed in his job. Even the prop boy has had considerable experience in propping, which is setting up the instruments and getting them to and from the station in time for the day's engagement. The property manager (the official title of the job) has served with such notables as Alvino Rey, Stan Kenton and Bob Crosby.

Shaw is in his early thirties. What he has to offer the public in the way of dance music is reason enough to conclude that he will be around for many years to come.

RAF Using New Incendiary Bomb

According to the NY Times the RAF is now using a 30 lb. incendiary parachute bomb filled with methane in gasoline under pressure. The bomb emits a jet of flame about 15 ft. long and 2 ft. wide.

On impact a detonator is fired. The flash touches off the priming in a central tube. This in turn ignites thermite, which heats the interior of the bomb and thus raises the internal pressure. Gasoline is then forced through a valve to reach a nozzle.

As it passes out of the nozzle the gasoline is ignited by the flame that issues from vent holes in the striker housing. The effect of the bomb is said to be devastating.



By Sgt. Tom Crooks

Pvt. Floyd Eaker with an infantry outfit in the Philippines sends the latest invasion news to his mother, Wac Pfc Ethel Carlson at Fort Scott: "I suppose you are wondering what happened to your boy. I'm in the Philippines and feeling fine. We had a little trouble with the Japs but our boys brush them off like flies. When we first hit the beach everyone was pretty damned scared. Me too."

T-3 Charlotte Schneller who is presently sharing a tent with five other Wacs in New Guinea says: "We beautify the area by taking rocks and outlining the walks around the tents with names like Stumble Inn, Seldom Inn and Manila Bound. To be different we called ours Beer Tavern and boy did we get results. I finally got wise and put up several signs reading, 'Bring your own' and 'Ladies' entrance on 42nd Street.'"

"The other night I went souvenir hunting with seven other brave friends. We came across a run down Japanese wooden building that was hidden in the jungle. There was a long, high rickety flight of stairs to climb and I was the last to go up.

"Just before I reached the top, the stairs gave way and the first thing I knew this T-3 was swinging from a stair with a drop of some forty feet below. I was finally rescued but decided to play safe and drop my souvenir hunting for that evening."

Pvt. Ethel Verner 'bonjours' us from the city of every Wac Made-moiselle's dream come true—Paris, France: "Have been in Paris about six weeks after seeing a small part of England and Scotland. The trip en route was a bit rough and rugged and we really found out what the boys were going through, living in unheated tents, slushing through mud ankle deep to the messhall, washing out of helmets and packing a full field for miles.

"Now we are nicely quartered in a Paris hotel, taking in the sights

and painting the town red in general. Inflation is here in a big way and our money isn't worth much in comparison. We are not permitted in restaurants as the food situation is bad.

"The French people have not had enough to eat for the past four years, so they ask us to cooperate and save the food for them. It's getting cold and now I understand why we were issued 'Long Johns'—unromantic but boy how comfortable this time of the year."

Pfc Paul Calamia with a Tank Destroyer Bn. in France V-Mails a brief one: "Well kids, the war situation looks good here but the trouble is that them lousy jerries are too damn stubborn. However, have no fear, it will be taken out of them and when it comes, it will be so sudden they won't even know the score."

Wac Sgt. Zella Allen with Hdqs. Finance sends her monthly statement from the Netherlands East Indies: "Always imagined the jungle as being low marshy even ground but here it isn't. The country is quite hilly and uneven and we have a camp site at a spot not too far from the ocean. We have to wear pants all the time here. Have nurses khaki slacks, men's khaki pants and green fatigues. The only way we can press our clothes is by sleeping on them and they're wilted five minutes later."

Sgt. Ted Bartlett with the infantry somewhere in Germany must be thinking about his last three day pass when he writes: "Just got back from Gay Paree. What a time. If I had to tell you all about Paris it would take all the paper we have here in the E.T.O. to write on. The place itself is beautiful, so are the women. Things in general are very expensive, food scarce, liquor's plentiful and so are the women. I had a hell of a time, but wish my wife, Marie, were around to help me enjoy it."



Latest laughs and reading TNT are being received at the Post Library in the new best seller holiday volumes to insure patrons a merry and a literary December.

That "screwballs' Boswell," H. Allen Smith, turns Hollywood inside out in a zombie Odyssey entitled, "Lost in the Horse Latitudes."

Zany Mixes One

America's ace reporter of the zany mixes one part stuffed-shirt destarching, two parts star-gazing, three parts freak peeking. The result—a Mickey Finn for Gloom.

If you feel like pulling up an asylum read the chapters on Sex Life of the Date Palm, Feet Have Their Good Points, Notes on a Swan Hater, and How to Play Stud Poker All Night.

Philip Wylie has produced his first philosophical novel since Finley Wren, "Night Unto Night." It begins with horror—horror that reaches a nerve-wracking pitch; it ends in a paen of hope and revelation. The story concerns an enigma.

Enigma and Death

Ann, the bride, was first to discover the shape of the enigma—on a moon-colored beach, alone, as the tide flooded around her. John, scientist and student of the humanities, reached the peak of a versatile career only to be struck by the foreknowledge of it.

Shawn, the great-hearted artist, laughed as he watched the world run wildly away from it—and went to face it himself with a wink. The enigma? It is Death.

Romantic and swashbuckling is "Being Met Together," from the typewriter of Vaughan Wilkins. It is the story of a mother, obsessed with hatred of the English, and her grandson, the young Anthony Purvis, whom she reared with one purpose—to revenge herself through him against the British.

'High Time'

Those who go for 3.2 in fiction will find happy holiday in the three graces of Magpie Alley, Mrs. Feeley and her two pals, Mrs. Rasmussen and Miss Tinkham, who live again in "High Time" by Mary Lasswell.

Perry Mason has the answer to the mystery of the beautiful babe who used her points to get a hunk of beefsteak to hang on her shiner. Erle Stanley Gardner gives name, address and telephone number in the "Case of the Black-Eyed Blonde."

'A' AT BARRY

By Pvt. George Kurysz

With everyone joining in on a lusty chorus of "take 'em off, sew 'em on, take 'em off" this outfit's stripe tease convention ended on a note of twenty odd new nominations to the "EM's Holiday Hall of Apple Polishing."

Among those asking Santa for rockers and getting them were T-4 Jack Burstall, Sgt. Louis Ryan, Sgt. Orin Tufts and Sgt. Bill O'Leary.

Filing tax returns on sergeant's pay will be T-4 Harold Heaton, Cpl. Harvey Behrend, Cpl. Arnold Lauridson, Cpl. Jay Johnston, T-4 Glenn Lovejoy, Cpl. Kenneth Cellard and Cpl. Michael Welsh. T-5 Frank Flowers soloed for T-4. Buckin', rarin' to go and corporal conscious were Pfc Donald Grey, Pfc Robert Schussler, T-5 John Caropreso, Pfc James Baker, Pfc Clifford Brown, Pfc Ralph Hudson and Pvt. Martin Kestwick.

Among the new T-5 jives are Pfc Walton Cline, Pfc Robert Collier, Pfc William Dunaway, Pfc Marcus Saxhaught and Arthur Sigrist. Others hep include Pfc Horton Slade, Pfc Theodore Young, Pvt. Earl Benoche and Pvt. Albert Sowles.

Buck privates are becoming scarcer than cigarettes according to Pvt. Robert Buccella and Pvt. Edward Griffiths. As a matter of fact the

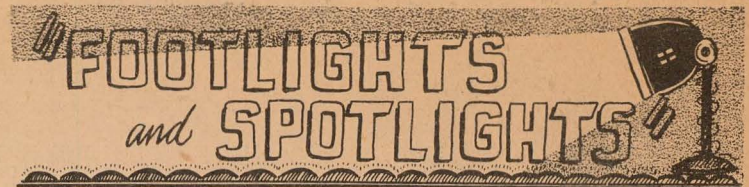


situation speaks for ourselves they said, when you consider that the only table reserved in the mess hall now is for us bp's.

S/Sgt Glenn Munn, the basketball flash, is leaving his supplies behind him while vacationing in Los Angeles. Pvt. William Halley, better known as "two-jug" because he has two—one filled with plain water and



THERE IS NOTHING about Vicki Styles that you have not observed in women before—though the vixen maiden of the movies does appear to have plenty of it all.



By T-5 Jason Meyer

Bing Crosby is back from a three months tour overseas . . . Andre Kostalanetz and his wife, Lily Pons, are going overseas to serve with a USO unit . . . they will be gone for 15 weeks starting Dec. 9 . . .

Jane Russell, who starred in "The Outlaw" (not released to public as yet), has signed new contract . . . she will star in a Hunt Stromberg production, entitled, "The Young Widow" . . . Louis B. Mayer is leaving the hospital after sustaining a broken pelvis injury several months ago . . .

Owing to Lionel Barrymore's physical condition, the "Dr. Gillespie" series will be cut . . . Barbara Stanwyck and Paul Henreid will be seen in "The Two Mrs. Carrolls" . . . Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" film is grossing heavily in Italy . . . latest figures shows \$55,000 taken in during a few days showing in Naples and Rome . . .

Dunninger, great 'master mind,' is to have his radio contract with Sherwin Williams voided after Dec. 27 . . . Joe E. Brown will celebrate his 44th year in show business . . . Bob Chester recently disbanded his orchestra . . . he will reorganize sometime in the near future . . .

Freddie Slack, for the second time, has changed his mind about breaking up his band . . . Kay Francis is laid up with laryngitis . . .

one filled with soda—says there is nothing like it the first thing in the morning for that "pooped out" feeling.

Cpl. John Caropreso and the Mrs. are 'infanticiding!' Fifteen of the boys qualified for goldbricks and got good conduct ribbons instead.

Veronica Lake will marry Andre de Toth Dec. 11 . . . Margaret O'Brien, seven years old, and a big star in Hollywood, will have her name in the next edition of Who's Who . . .

Recovering from pneumonia in the Fiji's, Oliva De Havilland is expected to return soon . . . John Wayne has made property settlements with his divorced wife . . . The Horn (Harry James) is hankering to buy a professional baseball team . . . so far he has ideas about some Pacific Coast team . . .

Sterling Holloway, favorite comedian in many films, is turning to the serious stuff . . . he recently received his Army discharge . . . A decrease in the number of pictures to be made this year by Warner Brothers is significant . . . it reveals that there will be less producers on the WB lots from now on . . .

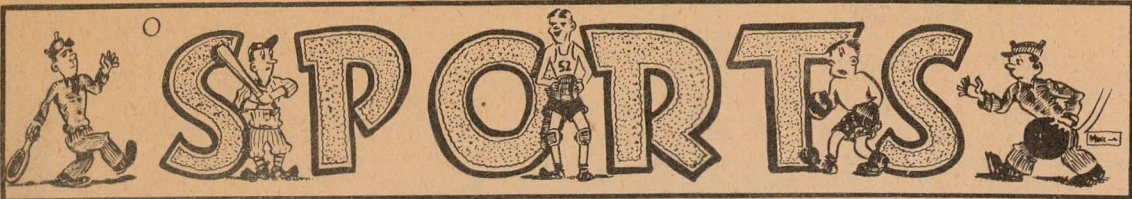
Jeanette MacDonald drew bravos for her operatic performance in Chicago . . . She appeared at the Civic Opera House as "Juliet" . . . To part ways soon will be Mark Hellinger and Warner Brothers . . . Starring in "George White's Scandals of 1945" for RKO will be Joan Davis . . .

To be seen in the Paramount film, "The Well Groomed Bride" is Ray Milland and Paulette Goddard . . . Five hundred honorably discharged Filipinos will be seen in the picture, "The Invisible Army" to be made by RKO . . .

"The Dolly Sisters" (20th Century-Fox) will feature Betty Grable and June Haver . . . Alice Faye was chosen to star but Faye's retirement gave role to latter . . . Decca's net profit for the first nine months totals \$743,832 . . .



Lion Gridders Dump Navy, 13-6 for HDSF Title



NEW ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT for convalescing patients of the Reconditioning Section, Fort Baker hospital, arrived last week at the special service office. Lt. Ken Hauter, North Bay recreation officer, lets T-5 Willard Harris, 11th CA mine planter, a reconditioning trainee, try on the boxing gloves. Harris is quite a boxer, having been a Golden Gloves participant in Flint, Mich., in 1937, bantamweight division.

Lion Bowlers Shoulder Way to Loop Lead; Sailjers Lead Handicappers

Serving notice that they will be the team to beat, the Fort Barry Lion bowling team of B-172d breezed into the third week of kegling competition in the Class A non-handicap HDSF bowling loop with a clean slate of six wins and no losses.

With Pfc John Pieper knocking pins all over the alleys, the Lions crushed the Baker Officers and administered a severe shellacking to defending Harbor Defense champs, Baker Medics. Pieper rolled a neat 508 high series against the officers and increased it to a fat 535 series against Hospital Co. Sgt. Norman Hibbard of the Lions also tallied a 535 effort in the latter session.

Lt. Les Ackerman topped the officers with a 517 series.

Sailjers Strong

Pressing the Lions for top honors, however, are the bowlers from B-174th, the Baker Sea Horses. The seagoing soldiers snagged a nice three game to nothing win over A-172d, Fort Barry, but had to be content with a two game to one win over the Fort Cronkhite Tunneleers, B-173d.

Against A-172d, T-5 Bob Heisser rolled a 553 series, including a high 203 game. Sgt. Martin Starbuck trailed with a 549 effort. Three Sea Horse keglers topped 500 against the Tunneleers, T-5 John Winters turning in a healthy 573 game, Pvt. Herman Kajewski snagging a 566 and Starbuck a 557. Both Kajewski and Starbuck tallied 203 games.

Pvt. Dominick Gianelli led the Tunneleers with a 534 game and T-5 Bob Moncur cracked a 201 singleton.

Tunneleer Hot

Gianelli was the difference between a win and loss earlier in the week when his Tunnel mates took two games out of three from A-6th, (Continued on page 7.)

Led by the neat bowling of novice Pfc Ed Harmon, handicap keglers of B-174th's Team No. 1, Fort Baker, are leading the Harbor Defense North Bay Class B bowling league.

Harmon surprised himself in his team's first outing when he took high honors of 523 series as his mates dropped the Baker Medics 3CU, three games to none. Harmon came through with a 452 effort in the next session with the Medical Officers, as his mates won all three games, again.

Lion bowlers of B-172d kept their slates clean but the Barrymen have only had one match, that a three-to-nothing whitewash of Hq-173d, Fort Baker.

B-174th's Team No. 2 came through with a three-game sweep from Baker Medics as Pfc Bob Johnson crashed a 237 game for a 516 series.

The Lions hold top total game pinnage of 2165 and also have racked high team game of 765. All handicaps are based on a 190 scratch, according to Pfc Bob Ruddy, league secretary. Team standings, Ruddy said, are figured on the point system, giving points for games won and total pinnage. Taking this into consideration, the league standings are as follows with the figures representing points rather than games won and lost.

NORTH BAY BOWLING				
Class B				
Team	Points Won	Points Lost	Pct.	
B-174th No. 1	7	0	1.000	
B-172nd	4	0	1.000	
B-174th No. 2	2	4	.333	
Medics	0	6	.000	
Medic Off.	0	6	.000	
Hq-173rd	0	3	.000	
A-6th	0	0	.000	
A-172nd	0	0	.000	

Lewandowski Flings Miley Softballers to WDC Win

Utilizing the borrowed services of pitcher Sgt. Johnny Lewandowski for the night, the Fort Miley Ramrod softballers of C-172d pinned a neat 2 to 1 defeat on Hq-Western Defense Command of the Presidio at Hayward Park last week.

Lewandowski hurled tight ball except for a momentary weakness in the fourth inning when the Detroit moundsman walked three men in a row, a run finally crossing the plate for WDC on a passed ball.

The Ramrods scored their first run in the second inning when Cpl. Ed McLaughlin singled, Cpl. Lucky Rod-

Lipczynski to Hibbard Combination Overcomes First Half Navy Bulge

Coming from behind the Fort Barry Lions won the 1944 Harbor Defense six-man football title by downing a stubborn Navy team, 13 to 6, at Fort Scott last week, thanks to the throwing arm of Cpl. Ted Lipczynski.

Playing on a slippery field, the Lions' powerful running attack centering around Sgt. Norman Hibbard, failed to materialize, so they took to the air only to have one of the first ones tossed intercepted to set up the Navy score. With the game hardly two minutes old, stocky Wayman Bill Whitehorn unlimbered his pitching arm and sent a sensational 30-yard pass into the end zone.

Miry Charlie Appa made a circus catch over the close guarding of Sgt. Otis Langford for the six points. The try for extra point pass was batted to the ground.

Passes Click

Neither team tallied in the second quarter, but the third stanza found the Lion aerial attack clicking, Lipczynski finally passing into the end zone to Hibbard for the tying points. A short pass, Lipczynski to Lingenfelter, gave them the extra point and a 7-6 edge.

Late in the contest Lipczynski again uncorked his flipper, completing a wobbly pass in pay dirt, again to Hibbard who took it out of the hands of Whitehorn, Navy defender. The try for extra point failed.

Both teams played good, clean football, and it was the long passing of Navyman Whitehorn that kept the Lions on the alert. Appa played a particularly aggressive game for the sailors, and Langford, Pieper and Lipczynski sparked the Lions.

Overtime Session

Navy won the right to play the Lions for the HDSF crown by coming through with a classy 35 to 26 win over the Fort Miley Ramrods of C-172d. Regular playing time ended with the two teams at a 19-19 deadlock, so an overtime period was staged and Whitehorn passed his mates to the win.

In the only other game played in the HDSF, B-174th's cocky Sea Horses harpooned the A-172d Commandos of Fort Barry, 18 to 12, at Fort Baker. Spearhead of the Sea Horse attack was Cpl. Vandy Hovanec and Sgt. Ed Hoooven who held the running and passing of the dangerous T-5 Earl Benoché to a minimum.

LIONS	NAVY
Rowland	E. Appa
Berzonsky	E. Bivins
Pieper	C. Benson
Langford	B. Whitehorn
Lipczynski	B. Powell
Hibbard	B. Cobb

Score by quarters:
Lions 0 0 7 6-13
Navy 6 0 0 0-6
Substitutions: Lions—Lingenfelter, Manmiller; Navy—Vondergaag.

Hector Selects Hector Picks 1944 Grid All-American



A couple of issues back our super 'dope'-star, Hector The Selector, selected the University of Southern California to play Georgia Tech in the Rose Bowl football game Jan. 1, 1945.

These teams are not going to play each other, although Hector is half right—USC is playing in Pasadena, all right, but it's against Tennessee. Tech is playing in the Orange Bowl. Hector is batting .500, anyway.

But wait! Hector The Selector, impatient at waiting for Walter Camp and Bill Stern, selects what he considers to be his 1944 All-American football team. The GGG herewith prints Hector's selections; take 'em for what they're worth:

Ends—Dugger (Ohio State) and Schumchyk (Arkansas).
Tackles—Whitmire (Navy) and Lazetich (Michigan).
Guards—Hackett (Ohio State) and Filly (Notre Dame).
Center—Harding (California).
Quarter—Horvath (Ohio State).
Left Half—Davis (Army).
Right Half—Hardy (Southern California).
Fullback—Blanchard (Army).

Hector admits that backfield is plenty sharp, but he says he can field another one that is almost as good, including Girard (Wisconsin), quarter; Young, (Illinois), left half; Jenkins (Navy), right half; Kelly (Notre Dame), full.

Okeh, Hector; at ease!

TEE-HEE!

She laughed when I sat down to play—how was I to know she was ticklish?

Ice men Wanted

Ice hockey, considered by many to be the world's fastest sport, may come to the Harbor Defenses.

The HDSF recreation office is interested in organizing an all-soldier hockey team provided enough are interested and have had a smattering of experience in the rink. Provided a team can be formed, it will take on local college, semi-pro and professional teams at Sutro's Ice Rink.

Soldiers desiring to slam a puck around again should call 8755.

B-173rd—Est Sgt. C. C. Waddell, Sgt. Frank Kennedy, Sgt. Walt Erdman, S/Sgt. Joe Yankel, Cpl. John Moore, Cpl. Ed McCool, Pvt. Don Leytem, Cpl. Garnet Walters, Cpl. Lewis Cresci.

B-174th—Cpl. Dick Greer, Pvt. James Hurst, T-4 Charles Graves, Pvt. Ken Golden, T-5 Bill Goldberg, Pfc Willie Lassiter, Sgt. Carrol Oswald, Pvt. Lewis Love, T-5 Fred Watson, Pfc Bob Johnson, Sgt. Carl Coleman.

A-172nd—S/Sgt. Glenn Munn, T-5 Earl Benoché, Sgt. Jay Johnston, Sgt. Harvey Behrend, Pfc John Hamblen, Cpl. Bob Schussler, Sgt. Harold Lauridsen, Cpl. James Baker, Cpl. Don Gray, Pfc Robert Tonn, Pfc Bob White, Pvt. Bob Buccella, Pvt. Bob Stevenson, S/Sgt. Oren Tufts.

A-174th—Lt. Bill Kirkham, S/Sgt. Louis Malizia, Sgt. Joe Hendricks, Cpl. Bill Murdy, Pfc Joseph Boland, Pvt. Lawrence Peirez, T-5 Frank Luther, Pfc Frank DeSantis, Lt. Hennessy, T-5 Thad Beinicki.

No team rosters are available as the GGG goes to press from B-6th, Navy and A-HDSF.

HDSF Casaba Season to Start Dec. 11

Harbor Defense basketball team entries swelled to 14 this week when B-6th and Navy, both of Fort Scott, announced they would floor cage teams in the HDSF casaba loop which steams under way Monday night, Dec. 11.

According to schedules drawn up by the recreation office, two games will be held Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights and one contest Wednesday afternoon. Evening sessions are slated for 6:30 and 8 o'clock and the afternoon games will start at 1:30.

Team rosters received to date are as follows:

A-173rd—Pvt. Earl Mayfield, Cpl. John Archambault, Pfc Vic Piva, Sgt. Dennis Klute, Sgt. Julius Baudwin, Pfc Paul Cabri, Cpl. Jim Man-tooth.

Mine Flotilla—T-5 Bill Neth, T-5 Bill Goldberg, Pvt. Eldon Hall, T-4 John Graves, T-5 Al Peronne, Cpl. Bill Harrison, T-5 Bob Heisser, T-5 Tony Hernandez.

C-172nd—Cpl. Alex Rimmel, Cpl. Ed McLaughlin, Pfc Roger Cooper, Sgt. George Hughes, T-4 Jim Hollingsworth, Pfc Ed Tyc, Pfc Jack

Haley, Pfc Coyle Harris, Pfc Jack Ribble, Cpl. Steve Pintek, Earl Forsgren, Cpl. Lucky Rodriguez, Pvt. E. Jackson, Pvt. R. Jackson, T-5 Don Schreiber, Pfc Mike Conte, Pvt. Bud Everett.

A-6th—Pvt. Ken Smith, Cpl. Clyde Audas, Pvt. Arthur Sessions, Pvt. Wayne Sparrow, Pvt. Fred Novak, Cpl. Dawson See, Sgt. Ed Schrottenboer, 1st Sgt. Archie Benton, Cpl. Arless Owens.

Hq-HDSF—Sgt. Al Beekman, Pfc Al Longmire, Sgt. Lloyd Hasselbusch, Pfc Bob Mooney, Cpl. Phil Philopulos, Cpl. Paul Emmer, Sgt. Bill Condon, S/Sgt. Tommy Tomasunas, T-4 Harry Spafford, Pfc Earl Patterson.

Baker Medics—Sgt. Dean Kloepfer, T/Sgt. Bill Koepke, 1st Sgt. Gale Houser, T-4 Bill Spring, Pfc Dan Humphrey, S/Sgt. Amos Higgins, T-3 Al Boyajian, Pfc Bob Shelly, T-5 Leo Duncan, Sgt. Dave Sullivan.

B-172nd—Sgt. Norman Hibbard, Sgt. Joe Fernandez, T-5 Lowell Luken, T-5 Bob Lingenfelter, Sgt. Russ Martin, Pfc Paul Berzonsky, Sgt. Ray Smith, Lt. Mario Paolini.



The Fort Scott Wacs recently wound up their initial venture into the realm of women bowling competition. At first appearance it would indicate they had a miserable session.

After all, out of 24 games rolled, the GI Janes managed to win only three.

What we like about the whole deal, however, is the dogged determination of the Scott gals to finish the schedule even though they realized the cause was a hopeless one as far as winning the Kells Trophy. They could have very easily bowed out of the picture as some men's teams are wont to do, forfeiting their games.

They saw the thing through to the bitter end because they did not lose sight of the number one goal of any sport: to enjoy oneself, win, lose or draw.

We think our Fort Scott gals in OD—Kitchell, DeDominicis, Moscatello, Jaroszewka, Summerford—should get that Kells Trophy. After all, it took more guts to go up time and time again to get slapped down than it did for Fort McDowell Wacs to ease through to their win.

Women are pretty good sports, at that.

NOTES FROM THE CUFF: We note wiht more than mild interest that efforts are being made to start an HDSF ice hockey team. The crunch of ice under flying skates will be a good sound to our ears. The Harbor Defense had a classy little hockey team back in 1942 in the Galloping Gophers Our nomination for the "HDSF Athlete of 1944:" Sgt. Norman Hibbard of B-172nd, Fort Barry.

Sight of the week: Lt. Leo Murphy, in his Sunday-go-to-meetin' pinks, refereeing the Lion-Navy six-man football game. When a Navy man intercepted a pass, the shavetail was so anxious to see that the ball carrier didn't step out of bounds that he virtually blocked him out of bounds, anyway The surprising passing ability of Lipczynski in that game, incidentally, was "dark horse" stuff. Lippy took over chores when Sgt. Otis Langford hurt his clavicle early in the contest.

In our last sports chat we mentioned that A-6th would be the "dark horse" in the coming HDSF basketball go. A check of cage rosters brings out a classy little team from C-172nd at Fort Miley. Hmmm Plans are already under way to assure the Harbor Defense of an all-star football team next season provided the Japs don't poop out before then. The team will play colleges, junior colleges and other service teams in the Bay Area. Seems like the Sea Hawk eleven just whetted the appetites of local backers for more football from HD SF soldiers.

Athletes small in stature always get the crowd sympathy. It's just a natural human desire, we suppose, to see a little guy make his bigger opponent appear silly, often useless. That's why we like to watch Pfc Earl Fosgren, diminutive but aggressive softball-baseball-basketball player down at C-172nd, Fort Miley. The Everett, Wash., vest-pocket athlete stands 5 feet 4 inches but man alive, can he play ball!

The greatest spectator sport of all athletic games is not football, basketball, track, bowling, horse racing or ice hockey. According to accurate figures, softball is heads-above the field when it comes to drawing fans. Basketball and ice hockey are a close second and football is about tenth on the list . . . Greatest participating sport, according to the same source, is bowling. There are an estimated six million bowlers in the U.S.A.



HDSF-ers WILL RECOGNIZE the civilian profile as that of **MR. Jack Turner**, who not so long ago was top kick of the old G-6th C. A. and E-6th C. A., and who soldiered in these fortifications for about ten years. Retired last month, Turner confesses to S/Sgt. Hugh Bennett, SCU oldtimer, that after 25 years in OD's, broadcloth shirts, multicolored cravats and fedoras feel pretty good. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Turner now reside at 466 W. 37th St., San Francisco. (Photo by GGG)

POINTS FROM THE POINT

By Pvt. Joseph Melito

"Roby" Robinson just promoted to T/Sgt. phoned his wife the other day and told her to pack all the household belongings because "we'll be living on the post for some thirty years!"

T-5 Bennett was happy to learn that his wife presented him with a boy. He's not worrying if the kid is draft material—on the contrary, he's wondering if it'll make Tec 5!

According to reports, the 6th War Bond Drive is meeting with great

response. The men of this detachment have always cooperated to the fullest degree and are more than willing to do their share.

Come to the Point and you'll hear the following remarks: "What time is it?"—Pvt. Stands. "What'd ya say, Sarge?"—Pfc Boals. "Ye-ep!"—Pfc DeGreef. "Rougher 'n' cob?"—Pvt. Smith. "Cathy not Katie."—T-5 Benia. "Mickey, she's beautiful."—Pvt. Borowy. "Maybe, I'll see."—Pvt. Rossetto. "That ain't so."—T/Sgt. Beers. "My Honey."—Pvt. Melito.

Pvt. Andy Barber who doesn't mind the California sun hiding behind clouds claims Florida still has good old hot sun—"what is sun?"

Our ace-detective, LeRoy Howard, can expose any law breaker or enemy agents, within fifteen minutes. "Superman" employs him at full salary!

Our hats are off to S/Sgt. Bachman and his crew for the well prepared dinner Thanksgiving Day.

Cpl. 'Rock' Rochambeau, our Fillmore St. 'Commando,' was seen add-

McDowell Keglers Win; Scott in Cellar

Slithering their way into the first Bay Area Wac-Bowling League championship, the Fort McDowell Mermaid service-gals last week claimed possession of the kegling trophy donated by Brig. Gen C. H. Kells, commanding general, San Francisco Port of Embarkation.

Victory margin came by the scant edge of one game, both Camp Stoneman and Fort Mason meeting in the final match to try to overtake the Mermaids who had completed their season the preceeding week. Underdog Mason upset the strong Stoneman gals, two games to one, to assure McDowell the trophy.

The Fort Scott Wacs, with all the gals taking up bowling for the first time, wound up deep in the league cellar with three wins and 21 losses.

In their final tussle with the Hamilton Field women, Scott lost, two games to one, and 1770 to 1606. Again it was a tremendous 61 pin handicap the local gals had to overcome that beat them.

Cpl. Ruth Kitchell topped Scott with a 410 series, trailed by Pvt. Teresa DeDominicis, 373; 1st Sgt. Mary Moscatello, 313; Pfc Lottie Jaroszewska, 268; Pvt. Olive Summerford, 242.

WAC BOWLING LEAGUE

Final Standings

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
McDowell	16	8	.667
Mason	15	9	.625
Stoneman	15	9	.625
Hamilton	11	13	.458
Scott	3	21	.125



ing a new wave in his hair the other day. Could it be that the two previous waves have failed him?

We are proud to announce that we have a five-piece band consisting of Pvt. Middlestedter (drums), Pvt. Brewer (guitar), Cpl. Brucklemeyer (bugle), and Cpl. Benia (piano-mouth organ).

"Blakie" Twobly has some five keys on his person. Ask him where they lead to and he'll say, "Helen, Marie, Billy, Sweets; and I don't know the other!"

Pvt. Ray Brewer spends so much time in front of the phone booth it is suspected he has found himself another guard post. Observing everything within hearing, no doubt.

EAGER BEAVER
... Visits the U.S.O.

By T/Sgt. M. Zemach

Lost an election bet . . . Went to the U.S.O. . . . Got into the automatic elevator . . . Ten minutes later I arrived second floor . . . Met the hostess . . . Sat down . . . She screamed . . . I got up again . . . She was a knockout . . . so was her breath.

Had beautiful legs . . . pedestal mounts . . . her only means of support. She was an angel . . . Strictly out of this world. She was a sight . . . even for good eyes. Said she'd do anything for me . . . I told her what . . . She said "No." But we danced a little . . . kayoed three couples. She was light . . . on my feet. We did the rumba . . . she helped drag me off the floor.

We held hands . . . Later I removed the splinters. Then we played games. I suggested Post Office . . . She refused . . . She forgot to shave. We played 'Bottle, Bottle, Whose got the bottle' . . . Found it in my hip pocket. We emptied it . . . She did the Charleston with the floor lamp.

Later I met another hostess . . . She was very nice . . . She must have been important . . . she carried a lot of weight. Anybody could have loved her in a blackout. She offered me her hand in marriage . . . I wasn't looking for bargains. I suggested we have a bite . . . She didn't understand . . . I bled a little.

We dunked . . . She submerged for 30 seconds . . . I ordered a

malted . . . it spilled . . . on her it looked good . . . she didn't show the lumps. We both ordered hamburgers . . . she ate hers with relish. The USO troupe furnished excellent entertainment. They were held over in New York for three weeks . . . Couldn't get a train out. Nobody knows why, but every performance they give is by popular demand.

One girl danced . . . She looked nice in tights . . . Anybody else would have looked nicer. She owed all her success to her mother . . . Owed her practically nothing. She must have been twins . . . she was two-faced. We made a date for later.

Another girl played the violin . . . She had plenty of guts. During one number her 'G' string snapped. Her music was very sad . . . In fact her entire performance was sad. You can't beat the U.S.O. . . . It costs nothing . . . You get what you pay for.

It had excellent facilities . . . hot and cold dripping water. Best latrine wall hieroglyphics to be found anywhere. A lot of magazines published during the war . . . not this war. Was getting late . . . I started for home.

Stopped at a downtown restaurant . . . enjoyed a two dollar sandwich. Tasted like it froze with the prices.

Gave the waitress a tip . . . she took my advice.

Took the trolley car home . . . the end of a very perfect day.

WACS AT BAKER

Latest bulletins from APO Baker Station are flashing news of recent Wac arrivals to the Hospital Unit from "Scott across the Pond." Pvt. Agnes Downing hardly had time to unpack from her barracks bags and say "Mississippi" before they were calling her a Pfc. Others whose sleeves are still hot from sewing include Pvt. Myrtie Gorley and Pvt. Doris Blohme who also answered the call of the Pfc.

Private Blohme is the heroine of the famous 'patient' romance which culminated in wedding bells last Friday while Pfc Archie Hodges waited patiently at the church. Doris and Archie were struck by the flash of love lightning while patients at the BSH.

S/Sgt. Sybil Finch, former Fort Scott mess sergeant, now reports every morning to the Baker SSO. However it's the evenings she really enjoys when she walks home on the arm of her husband, Sgt. Clifford Wadekamp. Sybil and Cliff are still in the honeymoon class having been married only a few weeks.

Cooks T-5 Dorothy Belessis and Pfc Francis Garland are trying out some new dishes on the patients, but it's OK because Dorothy tries them out first on a certain MP when he comes around to call. It's the same old story about the "Cop on the Beat" and the "nearest way to a man's heart."

Pvt. Ruth Moore and Pvt. Olive Summerford find the weather a little cool for swimming but they enjoy working in the motorpool.

Furlough funning in 'Hollywood' is T-5 Eva Taylor of the Dental Clinic while Pvt. Charlotte Miller is taking hers with some of the renowned 'pepper-pot' for which Philadelphia is famous. Pfc Dorothy Vardosky and Pfc Inga Williams are still in the cast of 'Fractured Angles' at the Wac-Ward and it looks as if they are settled there for some time to come.

PHILOSOPHY

After all, a gold-digger is only a woman—after all.

Why GI's Go Over the Hill

Once a good man always a good man, even if he's not around to enjoy its rewards.

Pfc Danny O'Connor, former member of the GI Gestapo, Fort Scott, left several weeks ago for Camp Lee, Va. Recent orders—33 days after O'Connor's departure—advanced him to the rank of corporal.

Before the orders were distributed, however, the error was noticed and poor O'Connor was "reduced" to the grade of Pfc once more.

O'Connor of Camp Lee will be overjoyed to hear about this incident, no doubt.

More About—
BOWLING

Battery Kirby. He registered a 505 series.

The Kirbymen, however, had little trouble slapping down A-172d, Fort Barry, three games to nothing. Pfc Frank Beres swung things in favor of the boys from Kirby with his sizzling 559 series and high 207 individual game.

Hq- 173rd, Fort Baker, broke into the win column with a two game to one victory over the sawbone outfit of Hospital Co. Pfc Carl Akhurst led the winners with a 506 series, his 201 game adding to the total.

The Sea Horses have rolled high total pinnage to date: 891-879-885—2655. The Lions hold high team game record of 934, and Winters' 573 series is tops in that department.

HDSF BOWLING LEAGUE

Class A

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
B-172d	6	0	1.000
B-174th	5	1	.833
Hq-173d	2	1	.667
A-6th	4	2	.667
B-173d	3	3	.500
Medics	1	5	.167
Officers	0	3	.000
A-172d	0	6	.000

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



The Flavor Lasted and Lasted

REPORTING REPORTERS



T-5 JOHN WOODALL, T-4 R. E. OLSON, S/SGT. O'DONNELL, CPL. FRANK MEEHAN, PFC. DICK HAMILTON, PVT. WILLIAM KRAMER, T-5 HARRY KANE, PVT. JOSEPH MELITO.

HAPPY VALLEY
By Pvt. Frank Meehan

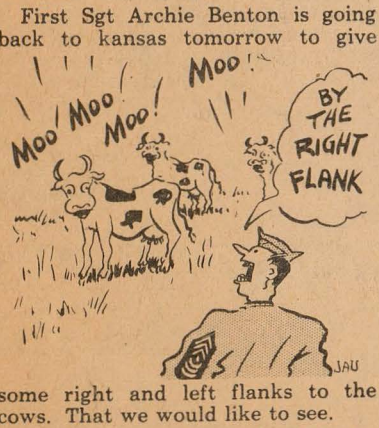
After an absence of one issue Happy Valley returns with congrats to brand new Cpl's and T-5's.

Cpl's in line were: Dawson See, Linhard (Texas) Koym, 'Francois' Jensen, Mike Minish, Clyde Audas, 'Shadow' Bissett, 'Stogie' Ray, Miguel Alvarez. T-5's in line were: Jimmy O'Connor, 'Gums' Walsingham, Gerit Adema, P. G. McKinley, 'Black Boy' Mitchell and Joe Ledbetter.

Two more almost missed are 'Russian' Vlach and 'Psychological' Szychowski. Oops! 'Muffin' Meffan also entered T-5 ranks. Anyone that has been forgotten please call and let us know. Apology will be entered in the next issue.

(Editor's note: Forgot about 'Snaf' Meehan making cpl.—huh?)

First Sgt Archie Benton is going back to kansas tomorrow to give



some right and left flanks to the cows. That we would like to see.

Another case of love has hit the battery area. Distinguished, gray-haired 'Pappy' Connelly keeps disturbing 'Cabbage' Schmidt for his girl's address. Pappy is now entering his second childhood. Pappy, TAKE IT EASY!

The bowling team did not come up to par the other night, but 'Shtinky' Beres claims that it was only the first game and they will lose no more. Next game is with the Medics. No statements will be made until after the game is over.

The basketball team is requesting some practice games. Any battery interested call Barry 34.

'Gums' Walsingham has returned to the supply room after a vacation (not a furlough). 'Step and a half' Sheldon, our battery jeweler, does some good work on trinkets. He will be glad to fix anything which requires patience.

Correction: Long and Lean Jack Edmonds SHOULD BE Madcap Edmonds. Reason: He is beginning to look around for that piece of paper. No one knows what it is—probably a statement of charges.

Cpl Fahey has the floor this week as the man who talks up War Bond sales for the noncoms. First Sgt. Benton carried the talk to the first three grades and the officers, while Clyde Aduas explained Bond things to the lower brass. They've been doing a great job. Plenty of sales have been reported.

Just missed a little info from Beres. He was going to tell us something concerning Ernie Kimble, but ran under the influence of a bayonet. Would like to get that story.

Joe Servello wants members of any organization around the Mendell Area who are musicians to contact him. He wants to start a band. Anyone interested also call Barry 34.

Time to quit again. See you in the Christmas issue.

BEACH SAND HOGS
T-5 John O'Donnell

Honors go to Sergeant Moresi and all his cooks of the Beach and Land mess for the dinner served Thanksgiving. First Sgt. John Zarko had a great deal to do with getting some of the trimmings.

Men are well striped around here these days, but as yet stogies and beer have not made much of an appearance. Blankenship claims he knows where to get the 'celebrants.'

Since Corporal Morris made staff, the general opinion is that we now have another 30-year man. Morris says he has no more post-war worries. But how about the supply situation?

STUFF: Why all the mustaches, gents? Somebody trying to take over the top kick's visage?

Sad faces around the battery re-

HQ MALE ROOM
By T-5 Harry Kane

Layko, the tailor, certainly is getting a lot of business these days. Reason: New stripes and plenty of them. Just to mention a few: M/Sgt. Loomis, Sullivan and Cook ... T/Sgt. Adams, Zemach, Winsor and Caen. ... The rapid promotion of T-5's are too many to mention.

Whatever became of the football team which the outfit was sporting a few weeks ago? With such men as Cpl. Paul Emmer, Sgt. Hasselbusch, T/Sgt. Thomashunis, T-4 Spafford and Cpl. Johnny Condon, they sure would be able to stand plenty of guff from other batteries.

Did you notice what Pvt. John Cusick and a certain scribe on the local blab, were digesting the other evening in the PX Tav? Could be that little Jimmy is going the way of all flesh when he partakes of the suds with a rough newspaperman.

Sgt. Chuck Teitel's bundle of joy arrived last Sun. to the tune of 6 lbs. 12 oz. "What a daughter is my Roberta-Maurene!" he brags already.

T/5 Carl Steen plans to retire after he makes his first million, that should be next pay-day, according to the present rate of income. Wonder where he hides all that loot he collects come pay-day?

With the basketball season closing in on us, our dough is on HDSF'er and their sporting five. At the present date, the first five hasn't been named, but Al Beekman, Paul Emmer, Bob Mooney, Johnny Condon seem to be slated for it.

Sam Rainey doesn't know whether he is in Hq Btry or the Band. Twice this month he has been transferred. First to the 173d CA, Bn then back to the Band. Three days later, he was transferred to Hq Btry. (All without moving from his own sack.)

Is Sgt. Bill Noone on the lookout for some good bowlers. Maybe S/Sgt. Bill Neath will be one of them. He spots 25 pins per game for the less fortunate.

Wonder who the T-5 was who came in the other morning with one of those gadgets the ladies use?



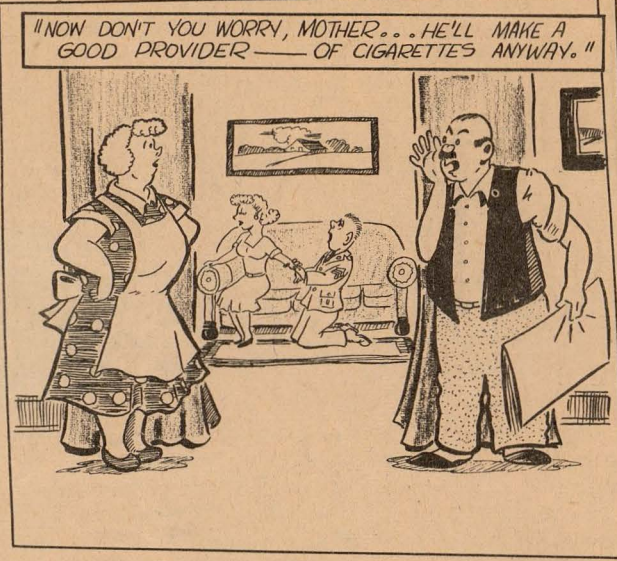
What did his wife carry on her way to work! Umbrellas are hard to find these days.

Furlough bound T-5 Doc Blanchard hopes to find Jersey the same as he left it. Is he kidding? We saw that State and it has changed. Have to admit that it has plenty of good looking women, though.

T-5 Bill Workman had to relinquish his job as Orientation NCO. Seems as though the recent election was too much for the poor boy. Bill, we could use a guest speaker about five times a week.

Question of the month ... Will Sgt. Mike Mikos come back with a ball and chain around him? The odds are very close.

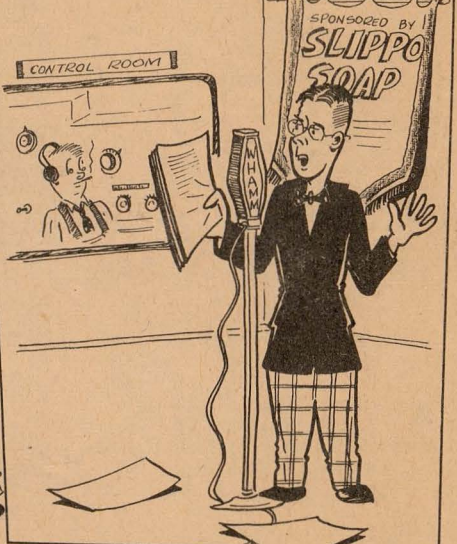
Wonder when T-5 Steen, the local mail man, will nod his head for the boys who come for their mail? Could be that he is saving mail for the guys in case Christmas isn't too good to them?



POME
I TRIED TO KISS HER BY THE MILL
ONE STARRY, SUMMER NIGHT.
SHE SHOOK HER HEAD AND SWEETLY SAID:
"NO, NO, NOT BY A DAM SITE."



"—AND DON'T FORGET...FOR YOUR NEXT BATH USE SLIPPO SOAP...IT DOESN'T CLEAN...IT DOESN'T LATHER — IT DOESN'T FLOAT... IT JUST KEEPS YOU COMPANY."



The G.I. WISE COMMENT OF Cholly CONFALKE

- SOME GOLDBRICKS GET SENT TO G.I. HOSPITALS FOR OBSERVATION..... TO OBSERVE THE BEAUTIFUL NURSES.
- LIQUOR MAY BE SLOW POISON—BUT THEN NOT MANY SOLDIERS ARE IN A HURRY.
- ALIMONY IS THE HIGH COST OF LEAVING.
- THERE ARE TWO PERIODS IN SOLDIER'S LIFE WHEN HE WON'T UNDERSTAND WOMEN— BEFORE AND AFTER MARRIAGE.
- IT IS BETTER FOR A SOLDIER TO GET SOMETHING IN HIS EYE AND WINK THAN TO WINK AND GET SOMETHING IN HIS EYE.
- SOLDIER WHO FALLS IN LOVE WITH A DIMPLE SOMETIME MAKE MISTAKE AND MARRY WHOLE GAL.
- SOLDIER WHO GOES OUT ON PASS SMELLING LIKE A FLOWER USUALLY COMES BACK POTTED.

"MIKE" MIKOS

BAYVIEW INN

Breakfast Club members are chipping in for a pair of blue booties to give S/Sgt. Jack (Jolly) Cameron. It seems Jack placed some heavy dough on "Blessed Event" across the board and it paid off for he and the Mrs. with a handsome 6¼ lbs. of boy. The young man will be named Jon Steven.

The Inn's financial circles are spreading some heavy rumors to the effect that Cpl. Joseph Olson and Cpl. John Motherall, storm troopers of the supply room, are dickering for the purchase of a prominent Chinese laundry to see them through their civilian days.

Pfc Edward Kalman is a busy tailor and those hand-made caps he makes in the latest style are snappy enough to make a fellow think he's wearing a stetson.

Pvt. Henry Gibson returned from a pass the other weekend minus his false teeth. They were returned C.O.D. the following day.

Former Cpl. "Double Indemnity" MacNamara is having a regular Horatio Alger rise at Capt. Arthur Fidgeon's Investigative School. He's a buck sergeant ambulance chaser now.

Pfc Jobe (Doc) Lawrence won't forget his glasses the next time he goes to the medicine chest. The last time he grabbed a bottle of Seagrams instead of Castoria. Cpl. Joseph (Trigger) Rogers is being missed these days having gone home on an emergency furlough as his mother is seriously ill.

T-5 Hugh Goulette is still putting letters in the wrong boxes as a result of his recent trek to Hollywood where he went out with a star under the stars. Sgt. Bill (Cliffey) May is back to chow-checking again between CQ.

T-4 Steve Meaney, Cpl. Amadeo Scali and Pfc Mike Geissler showed up for work the other morning a little the worse for wear after getting a lot of special service at Trad'r Sam's.

BAKER MEDICS

In case anyone is wondering why Cpl. R. P. Miller is working overtime on the hoe it's simply that he's contemplating a Victory garden. The

first sgt. says it is really extra duty for being a bad boy, but Miller likes to think of his company punishment as his chance to do something for the war effort.

The big, bad topkick holding down the cushion on the 1st Sgt. Gale Houser's chair while he is on furlough is T/Sgt. Bill Koepke. Winsome William spends many hours before the mirror trying to look tough, reports say.

In the future, mess office business with M/Sgt. Irving Wolff will be transacted at the pinochle table in the dayroom, third seat on the left.

Pvt. Lee Oliver, who claims he is the best "temperature-taker" at Baker, has taken unto himself another talented sawbone profession, namely, the expert administering of the famous "GI cocktail," composed of powerful cathartic agents.

According to reliable reports, Sgt. Dean Kloefer, czar of the Ward 24 torture chamber, is contemplating matrimony. As soon as he can win the necessary two bucks in a crap game he's going to give the matter serious consideration.

Capt. Tom Newman recently acquired his "railroad tracks."

T/3 Al Boyajian, X-ray dictator, is sporting a wrenched knee. He emphasizes that he got it from bowling, but other quarters claim he twisted it rushing to be first at the chow table.

FUNSTON CANNONEERS
By S/Sgt. Bill Ewing.

Now that the long awaited T/O is out, everyone is wearing new stripes, it seems. They range from pfc to tech sgt. Now for a big party financed by the promoted men.

Cannoneers bid fond farewell to Capt. Alpheus Maple, who now attends school in Virginia. A hearty handshake is also extended to our new BC, Capt. Harry Van Hala.

With a Thanksgiving dinner fit for kings, the Cannoneers ate to their hearts content, praising the

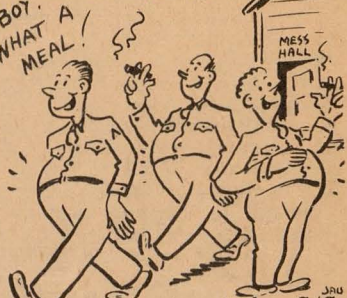
master chow put out by S/Sgt. Hinneberg and his staff. 1st Sgt. Horne would gladly pit his cooks and bakers against any bellyrobber in the HDSF. Physical proof are the "spare tires" everyone is sporting.

Sgt. Roach is taking up a collection to purchase Cpl. Paul (Crobar) Mantooth a pillow in order to soothe his weary bones when he sits down. Manooth, in the meantime, is trying to figure out a question a new battery-mate directed at him: "Gosh, who's the dope?"

Cpl. John Gregson is back from furlough, but the G-2 system has it that he is now a married man.

Dusty Cummings is now walking in circles. He is about to become a daddy and sits up nights looking out the window for the long-awaited Mr. Stork.

Trigger-Happy Lightener is telling some mighty tall yarns of his former Chicago days. Perhaps there is a tin horn amongst the Cannoneers, after all. We always knew Chi was a "windy city."





MERRY CHRISTMAS, SOLDIER



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Holiday Cheer, Goodies on Santa Program for Yuletide

While it is impossible during these times for everyone to enjoy the Christmas season as he would like to—mostly with the folks back home—plans have been made throughout the command to assure every soldier a flavorful slice of holiday cheer.

Outlying stations and remote fort areas particularly have not been forgotten. The chaplains have made plans through the SSO to deliver gifts of goodies to every man stationed at the far flung observing and listening posts, and efforts are being made to give every man who can possibly be spared from duty an opportunity to attend special activities scheduled.

The outstanding event of the season will take place Saturday at the Cronkhite Service Club where a Christmas party and dance, sponsored by all North Bay batteries, will get under way featuring 80 lovelies from San Francisco, Sausalito and San Rafael.

The Ross Valley Players of the Barn Door Canteen, Ross, Calif., will be guests of honor. Music will be furnished by a guest dance band.

Kiddies are not forgotten either. This afternoon the kids will be feted at a party in the Fort Scott Non-coms club where every child will receive a partially filled War Stamp book, besides other gifts. The Pierce Studio of Dancing will put on a special singing and dancing program for the tots.

Children of officers and EM in the North Bay will receive their Yuletide fun at the Fort Baker Chapel tomorrow evening. Santa will have a tough time to compete with the goodies the children are to receive from HDSF-ers, under the direction of the chaplains and the officers' and NCO's wives.

At the Fort Baker Station Hospital Old Nick will play host in a big way. Packages, individually

wrapped and addressed to every patient, will be passed out by the Red Cross.

It will be open house at the Hospital recreation hall where the Sausalito high school choral group will entertain in addition to community singing of Christmas carols and special soldier entertainment. Christmas Day friends and relatives of soldier patients will be allowed to visit.

Each ward is to have its own Christmas tree and prizes will be awarded for the ones decorated best.

With free cokes and cookies the Fort Scott Service Club also announces open house. Decorations and refreshments are being sponsored by the Fort Scott Women's Auxiliary of the Red Cross.

During Christmas week Mrs. Charles Culpepper will give organ recitals at the Fort Scott Chapel every afternoon and evening, according to the Chaplain's office.

—by Pfc Mike Geisler, Hq. Co., SCU 1932

Still in his early twenties Pfc. Mike Geisler shows promise of becoming an outstanding artist. "MERRY CHRISTMAS, SOLDIER" is his first major contribution to The Golden Gate Guardian, but "not my last," he vows. Using a difficult medium of brush and ink, Private Geisler captured not only a subject, but a definite holiday feeling in a world at war.

March of Dimes

The March of Dimes, annual nationwide drive to raise money for the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis, and to which personnel of the command contributed heavily last year, will roll under way Jan. 14.

Money gathered in the March of Dimes is spent curing and rehabilitating individuals stricken with the dread polio disease.

Solder contributions to this fund are strictly voluntary. Each organization will make arrangements to collect contributions pay day, Jan. 31.

SSO Lumberjacks

Give Away Trees

Every home, mess hall, dayroom, service club, library, theatre and outlying section in the Harbor Defenses was assured of its Christmas tree last week when nearly half a thousand fir trees were distributed for nix by the post and HDSF special service officers.

Three trucks made a jaunt to Upper Lake north of San Francisco to obtain the firs under the direction of Lt. Joseph Casey and Lt. Leo Murphy.

The venture saved HDSF organizations many dollars because similar trees have been retailing on San Francisco markets at a minimum \$1.50 per foot, which ain't hay.

Ninety-five sets of lights and decorations were provided by the Red Cross and distributed by the SSO.

New Hostess At Cronkhite

A pert little Army hostess, Mrs. Mary Dee Andrews, assumed duties as Army Hostess of the Fort Cronkhite service club this week.

Mrs. Andrews, who claims both San Francisco and Denver, Colo., as her home, succeeds Mrs. Josephine Beck as hostess of the popular Cronkhite canteen. She has had experience with Army service clubs, having served for a time in 1941 and 1942 with the Presidio Red Cross.

The new hostess, who has attended both Denver U. and Rosary College, River Forrest, Ill., will devote most of her time to arranging variety shows and dances for the service club and to make housing arrangements at the Cronkhite hostess house. She'll be assisted by Pvt. Leonard Hightower.

Scott GI Reads Own Obit in Home Paper

If anyone wants to know how it feels to be a veteran garrison soldier and then be listed as "missing in action," just get together with S/Sgt. Jack Cameron of Hq-SCU.

Cameron, whose home is in nearby San Bruno, was rather astounded recently to see the San Bruno newspaper run a nice spread on his heroic ventures overseas in which he was reported missing.

The amazed GI—who received his basic at Fort Scott in 1942 and never served at any other post—demanded a retraction. You have to be alive to get a furlough, he believes.

The Smile of God is Victory... Whittier



"I should like to extend to all troops within this command and their families best wishes for a Merry Christmas and for all happiness in the New Year."

BRIG. GEN. RALPH E. HAINES,
Commanding General, Northern California
Sector, Western Defense Command.

'War Baby' Recalls Birth

The Golden Gate Guardian is a war baby.

Though it had its initial appearance as a two-page mimeograph sheet six months before the Japs pulled their Pearl Harbor sneak, The GGG did not become a printed newspaper until the fateful Christmas of '41.

The command was still groggy over the turn of events. Batteries were transferred from comfortable barracks to foggy hills, damp marshy areas and rocky cliffs to "dig in." Coastal guns, AA weapons, communication lines and detecting equipment were set up before proper housing and chow facilities.

Men ate and slept where and when they could. Pup tents were blown all over Marin County those first few months. Some batteries dug themselves subterranean quarters by extending and reenforcing foxholes.

The Guardian was reproduced under similar conditions. Copy for the first printed issue (six page, two color job) was banged out by candlelight during total blackouts. The Sausalito printer stood most of the printing expense aided by advertising from local establishments.

The headlines of that day speak for themselves:

"Yuletide Spirit Reigns."

"Fully Alerted Artillerymen Take Posts to Defend San Francisco."

"HDSF Proves Mettle During Crisis."

By next Christmas The GGG hopes to be "out of business." The end of hostilities will find most of its readers going back home to take their place at the fireside. Publication of this camp newspaper will cease when it can no longer serve its purpose—of informing, entertaining, advising its thousands of soldier readers.

Until peace and good will shall again reign The Golden Gate Guardian pledges its pen and bayonet to the fight.

Season's greetings, fellas and gals. THE STAFF.

"The Japs love to join their ancestors, we are told, and the US Navy is doing their admirals a wonderful service by introducing them to their most illustrious forebear, Neptune."

—Ft. Warren, Wyo., 'Sentinel'

"Ladies in khaki, we like you!"

—Ft. Sill, Okla., 'Recorder'

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CHAPLAINS' CHATS...



Chaplain Frederick Essig

THE UN-GLAMOROUS ADVENT
By Chaplain Frederick Essig

The Baby Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger. The cows and the sheep were His companions. The murderous king with his soldiers and pomp seemed far away. The wealthy merchants were not interested.

The atmosphere of the Manger was that of simple, honest people with their homely ways. Humble shepherds, with their hearts filled with the music and message of Heaven, came to see the Babe. And they went away wide-eyed with awe.

The Mother, raised in a hill-village, lights the scene with her pure heart and tender love. The carpenter Joseph, with hands calloused by the plane and hammer and saw, does his very best for Mary and the Child. How tender and loyal he was!

Humble priests from Persia followed the star and knelt in homage to the new-born King. They could hear what God said and follow where the Father directed.

The roar of commerce and the tumult of war seem far away as we see again the Christ-child. Motherhood and peace and faith glow in all their beauty and desirability as we look once more into the Stable of Bethlehem.

GOOD DENTISTRY

The struggle in the Pacific is pretty much of a tug-of-war: Yanks on one side; Jerks on the other.



Chaplain John Morley

CHRISTMAS—1944
By Chaplain John Morley

Christmas should be to us a signal of hope. The first Christmas was the sign of delivery. Christ came as a Saviour, and He lives on as such. Christ the Deliverer brought peace to the world, but a peace which made its home first of all in men's hearts by snapping the shackles of sin. He has never swerved from the purpose of His First Coming, and in measure that man accepts Him, man enjoys peace in his soul.

And strangely enough, if every man, with the help of the Prince of Peace, frees his soul from the dominion of sin, peace will return to the world; for if sin goes out of every human heart, peace must come. Sin in fact is the wicked root of war; sever the plant from its roots and the plant must die.

Might is not always right, but we sincerely believe right is our might. When by our might we have vindicated right, let us dedicate our individual selves to the peace which Christ gave us on Christmas Day.

Personal reform necessarily leads to social reform; any other type of social reform ends up in failure. If the majority of individuals kept Christ's commandments, if families became again what He wished them to be, if men inspired and assisted by His sacrifice loved service to one another, there would be prosperity within nations and peace amongst nations.

Let this be the peace that we who are pledged to fight for right, dedicate ourselves to this Christmas Day.



Chaplain Charles Culpepper

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
By Chaplain Charles Culpepper

I have never been able to pass over the Christmas Time without thinking of that passage in the Gospel of Luke. It is the last part of the seventh verse in the second chapter, where it says, "And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn."

It seems that there has never been enough places for people in distress. There has been housing shortages, crowded accommodations, no vacancy signs throughout all human history. The tragedy of this occasion is that when Jesus came to earth there was no room for him. When the most momentous event in human history took place there was no room in the inn. When the creator of a universe needed a place to live on earth, there was no room. Don't forget that—no room.

Nearly two thousand years have passed since that heralded event, and far too often the vast majority of mankind still stand accused of rank inhospitality. You do not have to be clairvoyant to see that the NO ROOM sign still hangs along side of the holly and shines out through the decorations and commercialized zeal of flippancy. While many toast the NEW BORN KING he remains outside in the stable. You see, there is still NO ROOM.

The world never needed the Christ Child more than it does today. May we take hope in the thought, that while there is still "no room in the inn," that there is always room with the Christ. Wise Men found it so in that day, and those who see His star may still lead a weary world to the Prince of Peace.

Wacs Entitled Job Protection Rights

To relieve any doubts as to their rights to former jobs, Army Service Forces states that Wacs are entitled to the same job protection as any other member of the armed forces.

While the Wacs are not required to register under the draft laws, the Army recommends that any discharged Wac having difficulty in securing her former position communicate with the Reemployment Chairman of the local Selective Service Board in her neighborhood. This official is empowered to assist her in cases of this nature.

PORTABLE PX

An accessory packet containing comfort items is now being included in cases of C rations being distributed to troops. The packet is for use in operations such as the South Pacific where PX's are hard to find. It contains nine cigarettes, matches, candy, chewing gum, toilet paper and a small vial of halazone tablets for purifying drinking water.



December highlights for those who like the night lights include the old fashioned Christmas Eve party for servicemen at the Army-Navy YMCA-USO, 166 Embarcadero. There will be fires crackling on the hearth, gifts, carolling and a buffet supper. The 111 O'Farrell branch will hold open house both Christmas Eve and Christmas Night with plenty of fun, frolic, girls and turkey.

Today the 989 Market street USO host a "tree-trimming" party to be followed tomorrow with a big variety show. Hospitality House, Civic Center, is featuring a Christmas dinner with orchestra for dancing all day.

The National Defenders' Club at 449 Post St. offers musical instruments for servicemen's use, all writing and reading facilities, craft corner, practice room, accommodations for shaving and a large lounge to relax undisturbed.

All service clubs have made plans for EM and EW to celebrate New Year's Eve, so it's just a matter of taking your pick.

Every Wednesday and Thursday evenings the San Francisco Recreation Department holds dances from 2000 to 2400 at the famous Century Club, 1355 Franklin St., near Sutter. The Servicemen's Center, 555 Chestnut St. is a pleasant place to get in the groove with games and dancing Sunday afternoon.

Free dips in December for those spending the holidays in uniform are featured by the Crystal Palace Plunge, 775 Lombard St. Hot showers and towels included. Baseball games are played every Sunday morning and afternoon at the Father Crowley Playground, 7th and Harrison Sts. Basketball fans can enjoy themselves any Wednesday and Thursday evening at the Marina Gymnasium, Chestnut and Fillmore Sts.

Also current, choice and free are the Ambassador Roller Rink's Sunday afternoon service men's skating parties; the movies every Tuesday (2000) at the San Francisco Mu-

seum of Art located at Van Ness Ave. and Fulton St.; the Sigmund Stern Bowling Greens, 19th Ave. and Wawona St. and the Photography Center, 1254 Market St. where dark room and photographic facilities are available to the camera fan.

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Just back from the cleaners, Pfc Glen Cooke of the Alaska command was well loaded down. He had the 1st sergeant's duds, the squad leader's slacks and a host of other newly cleaned garments for other men in the barracks. When it was all distributed Cooke discovered he had picked up everyone's work but—you guessed it—his own.

YOUR PICS

Pictures you sent in for the Christmas Issue will be found on page 4, all done up in holiday array.

Yuletide Services

"... for God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son." ... John.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

Fort Scott: Christmas Eve—Confessions, 2000 to 2130; 2300 to 2400. Mixed voices singing Christmas Carols starting at 2345. Christmas Day—High Mass, midnight; Low Mass, 1100.

Fort Barry: Christmas Eve—Confessions, 1800 to 1930; 2315 to 2400. Christmas Day—High Mass, midnight; Low Mass, 0930.

Fort Baker: Christmas Eve—(Hospital Recreation Hall) Confessions, 2315 to 2400. Christmas Day—Mass (Hospital), midnight; Mass (Post Chapel), 1100.

Fort Funston: Christmas Day—Mass, 0900.

PROTESTANT SERVICES

Fort Scott: Christmas Morn: Christmas Message by Chaplain Culpepper. Christmas Eve: Candlelighting Service by Sunday School, 1800. Special music by chapel organist, Mrs. Culpepper, and chapel choir under direction of Miss Marilyn McIntosh.

Fort Baker Hospital: Christmas Eve: Carolling.

Fort Baker Chapel: Sunday afternoon, Christmas Play by Sunday School Children.

Harbor Defense Concert, Drill Music Makers Blow

With the playing of "Aloha" in front of HDSF Hq. early this month, the 72d Army Ground Forces Band (formerly the 6th C. A. Band), better known to servicemen and servicewomen up and down the coast as The Fort Scott Band left these defenses for another command "somewhere in California."

Presenting a main concert band of 29 pieces, the HDSF ensemble also included about three full sized dance bands and a smaller rhythmic unit which played at USO's, Harbor Defense dances, NCO and officer club affairs and special GI parties.

Long History

How far back the history of The Fort Scott Band goes back nobody knows. Records through the years have not been kept accurately, but CWO William Hershenow, the band impresario, claims The Band moved into Fort Scott when the first barracks were set up in 1912 and have occupied Bldg. 13 ever since.

Some claim has been made that The Band has had an uninterrupted career of some 70 years standing out as a drum and bugle corps when American troops first settled in the Presidio. Mr. Hershenow recalls the unit when it was known as the 3d C. A. Band down at Crissey Field.

Jive Joins

The war has wrought several changes to The Band. Originally it was manned by coast artillerymen who were strictly concert musicians, many of whom received their initial instruction right in the Army.

The drafting of "hot" musicians from name bands all over the country brought different tempos to the regular Friday afternoon concerts. After performing a difficult overture it was not unusual to hear the bandsmen give out with some boogie woogie or a bit of solid jive.

On the drill field, led by Drum Major T-4 Carl Hawkins, who for 20 years has been a professional clarinet, saxophone and bassoon artist, The Fort Scott Band won acclaim as one of the top military musical organizations in the country.

Star Performers

At the recent Army-Navy War



The former 72d Army Ground Forces Band made its final appearance in the defenses early this month. With them went years of tradition.

Shows held throughout the Bay Region, the Fort Scott Band led all the 150 Army musicians represented in the show with Sergeant Hawkins acting as drum major.

The number of commendations and scrolls that have been presented to The Band are too numerous to mention, but their most coveted award was received a few days before parting when Col. William F. Lafrenz, CO of the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco, presented the organization with a commendation that expressed the sentiments of

thousands of others who have been acquainted with the organization.

"The loss of this band will be felt by every member of the command," part of the commendation read.

"The commanding officer, and through him, all members of this command, desire to present their best wishes to The Band and the hope that wherever they may serve in the future, they will have the best of luck and will continue their excellent work."

Experience

About 300 years of musical ex-

perience is represented by the group, about one-third of that professionally. CWO Hershenow has been accredited with being one of the very few basson experts in the country and has played the instrument in several concert organizations, including a symphony orchestra in San Francisco.

T/Sgt. K. M. Gsell has been an Army clarinetist for 30 years, most of it having been spent with The Fort Scott Band.

Music for future drills will be supplied by the WDC Band of the Presidio, headquarters has announced.

Cronkhite's GI Postmen Deliver Christmas Packages to 'Friscans

"The mail must go through!"

This slogan has been Uncle Sam's since the days of the pony express.

Wartime San Francisco, Christmas 1944, is no exception to this slogan, and the Army is seeing to it the postman gets helping hands during a critical emergency.

Soldiers of the Postal Detachment SCU 1955, Fort Cronkhite, a unit recently activated, delivers Christmas packages to San Francisco residents. They have been "detailed" to make certain that this important holiday mail reaches its proper destination—and on time.

Night and Day

Working around the clock on three shifts, the work is plenty tough.

The majority of Christmas packages arrive at a gigantic warehouse "somewhere in San Francisco." Here they are taken from the bags

and placed upon a large double tracked conveyor belt which transports the packages to a separator. They are segregated into more than 15 different sections, each section representing a certain area in the township of San Francisco.

At various schools and one armory now being used as central dispersing stations, convoys of trucks and men arrive to sort the packages street by street, and, finally, house by house.

The GI's act as postmen, going up one side of a street and down the other, delivering their Yule wares. Four to six "postmen" work from each truck.

First Time Around

It is estimated that more than 80 per cent of the packages are delivered the first time around. Undelivered packages are returned and the soldiers try again later.

Lt. Col. B. G. Schmidt, commander of the postalmen, stresses that his men exercise care in delivering the packages and practice courtesy.

Most of the time the lady of the house answers the door, and oftentimes the package is from a husband, son or nephew in the service overseas.

From 'Four Winds'

The unit is organized primarily of men from the Seventh, Eighth and Ninth Service Commands who have been unassigned, an undetermined number are overseas vets.

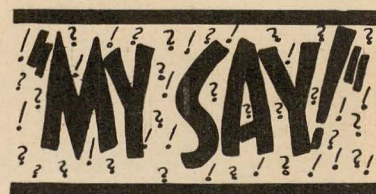
At present there are nine companies under Colonel Schmidt's command, four at Fort Cronkhite, two at Camp Knight and three at the Presidio of San Francisco. A smaller postal detachment at the Presidio, SCU 1927, is helping with the postal duties, too, but their activities are limited to the Rincon Annex, Mission and Steurt, as truck loaders.

Blood Donors Keep Quota

Blood, donated by Harbor Defense troops and civilians, has helped save well over a thousand wounded men this year. The quota for blood donors from this area is being maintained.

Among the recent donors have been 10 men from A-173d C.A., six from B-6th C.A., six from A-6th, C.A., three from the Scott Fire House, seven from the Harbor Defense UP O, six from a visiting AAA unit, three from the Post Engineers and two from the Fort Scott PX office.

Battery A-173d C.A. were generous with five blood donors, Hq. SC U tallied five, the Wac Co., one. The



—Photos by GGG

What do you consider the greatest gift that can be given man during his lifetime?



Cpl. Irene Jones, Fort Scott

Good health is by far the greatest gift that can be bestowed on anyone. Without good health nothing matters.



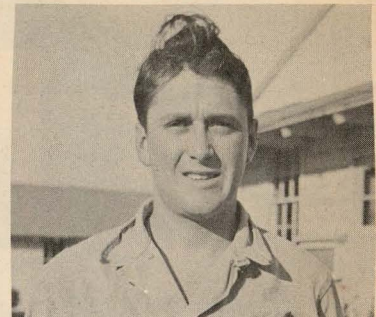
T-4 Arnold Billmeier, Battery Land

Man's greatest gift in life is a thorough education. Through education comes success and a happier life.



Cpl. Alfred Cantin, Battery Land

It seems to me that if a person has a good understanding of his fellow man, he is greatly gifted. To exist well in the world there must be understanding. With understanding also comes a great measure of success.



Pfc William Martin, Fort Miley

Without good health a man can do very little in life and I believe it is the greatest gift anyone can possess. With a healthy body comes a healthy mind.



Pfc Benjamin Winner, Fort Funston

Happy marriage and a successful career are factors that can be considered to be man's greatest gift. Through these happiness in life is assured.

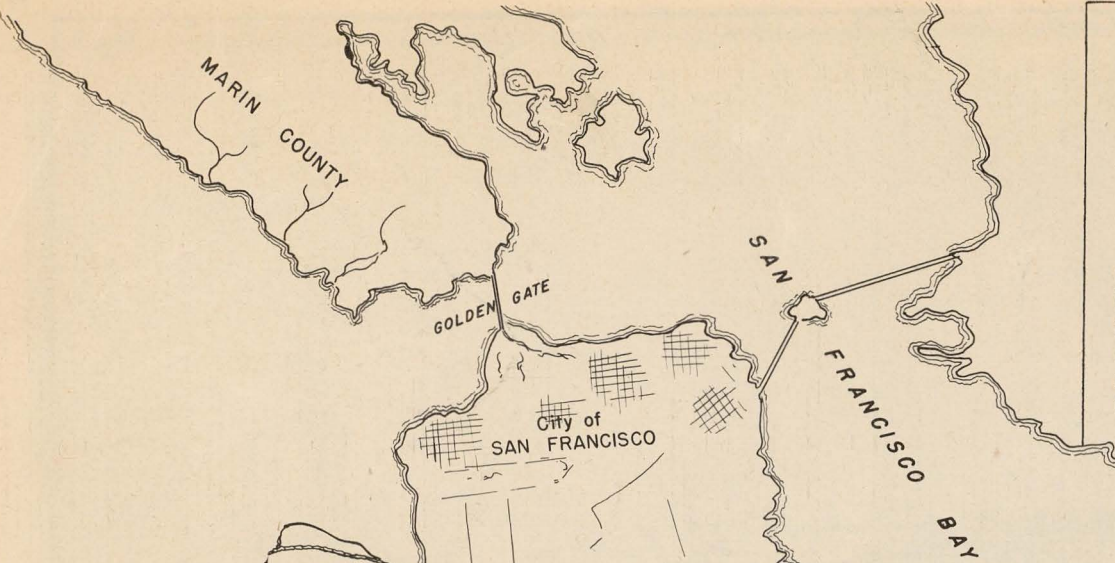
QM office supplied two pints of blood this month and Hq-HDSF one.

Blood bank transportation leaves from in front of Post Hq, Fort Scott every Thursday at 1430. Phone 3687 (The Golden Gate Guardian) for appointment.



'SIGN HERE, MA'M.'—When the Signal Corps lensman followed Soldier-Postman Pvt. Charles Dietrich, Westport, Conn., into the apartment house at 3535 Fillmore St., San Francisco, he had no idea the "lady of the house" would be such a belle. Mrs. Evelyn Pope, Jacksonville, Fla., whose husband, John, oddly enough, is a seaman third class employed at the Fleet Post Office in San Francisco, gladly signed for the Christmas package.

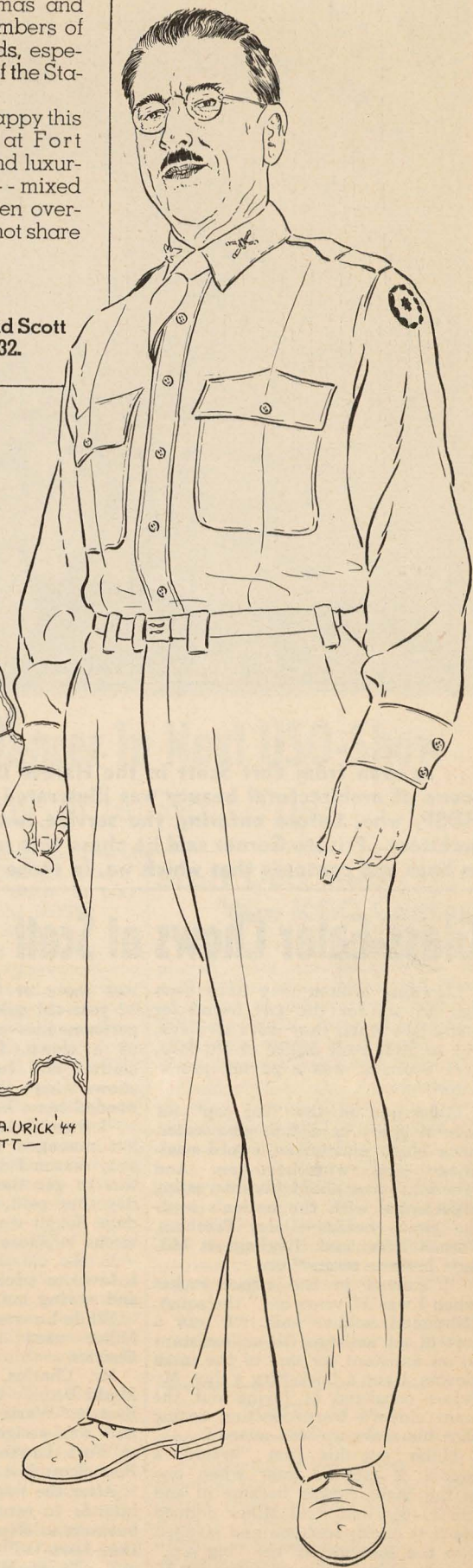




As post commander of Fort Winfield Scott and Sub-posts and of SCU 1932, I extend greetings and best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all members of the garrison and their friends, especially to the men and women of the Station Complement.

We may indeed be most happy this Christmas season that we, at Fort Scott, have such comforts and luxuries of living during this war -- mixed only with regret that our men overseas fighting our battles cannot share these blessings.

Arthur E. Rowland,
Colonel, C.A.C.
Commanding, Fort Winfield Scott
and Sub-posts and SCU 1932.



Cpl. J.A. URICK '44
FT. SCOTT



This is the fourth Christmas since 7 December 1941. During these past three years the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco have been standing by, always alert, ever ready when needed.

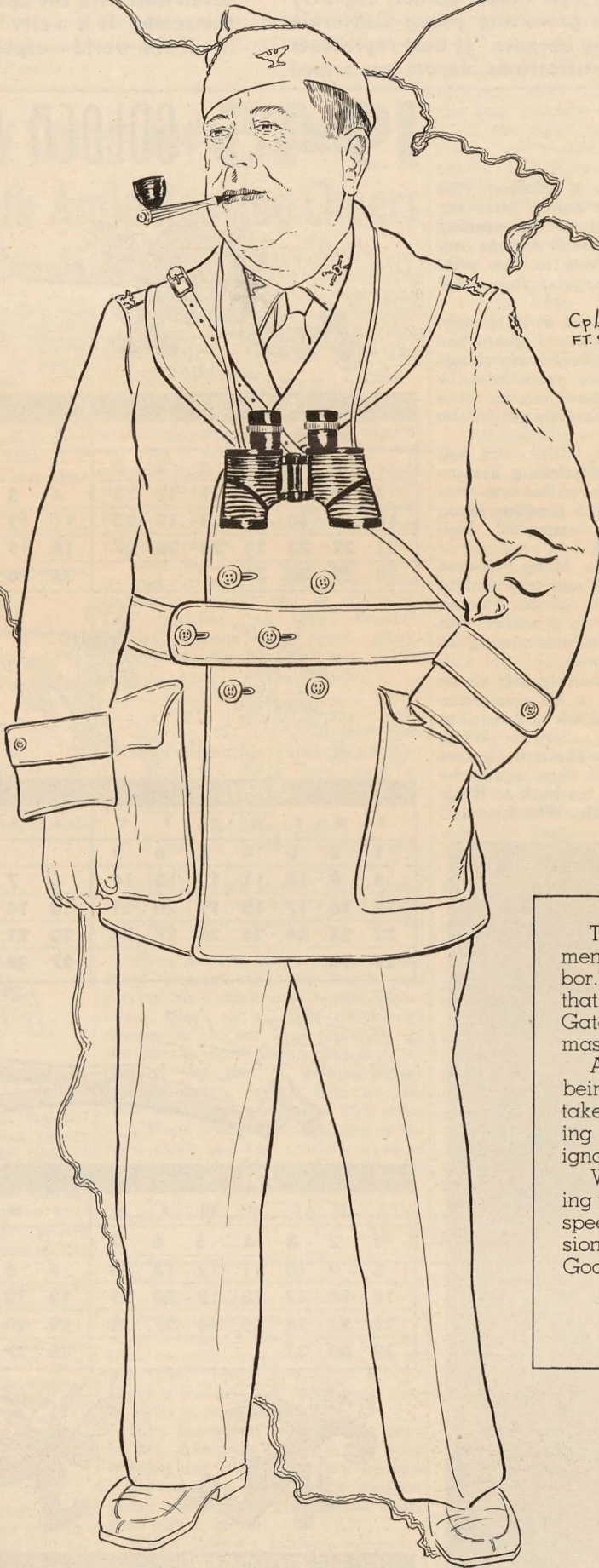
It is far more trying for you assigned here than for many stationed in more active combat zones. You serve well and faithfully night after night; in darkness, rain and fog; on the hills and beaches of the Golden Gate; waiting and watching for that sudden, very short time you may be needed.

Such service requires the highest type of morale, efficiency and stamina. Waiting day and night, year in and year out, requires great spirit and will, so easy to obtain in heat of battle, so difficult to maintain in a quiet zone.

I know you will continue doing your job in the same superior way until the need therefore is over.

I desire to extend to all in this command every sincere wish for a pleasant holiday season. May this be your last Christmas away from families and friends. May the New Year bring total defeat to our enemies so that the job, once completed, may never have to be done again.

William F. Lafrenz,
Colonel, C.A.C.
Commander, Harbor Defenses
of San Francisco.

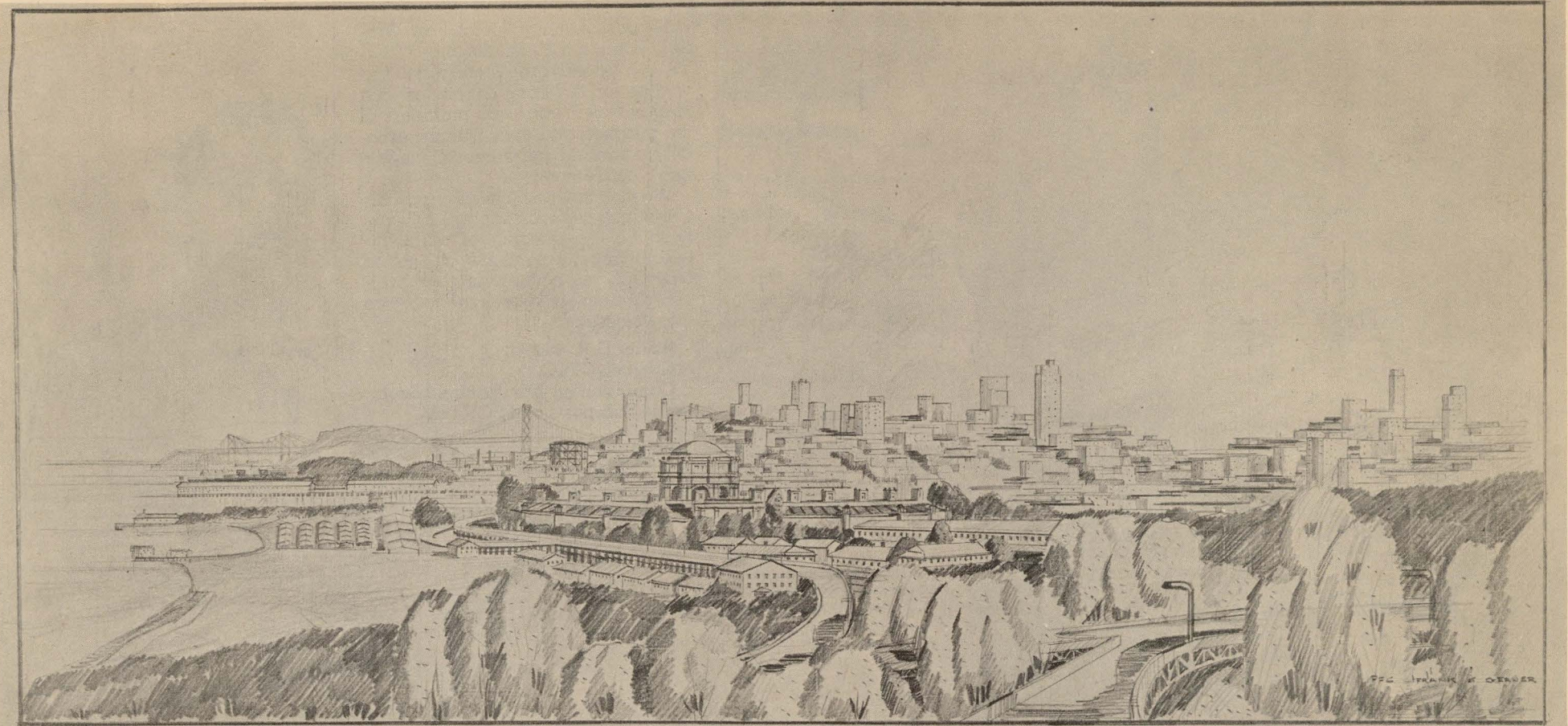


This will be the fourth Christmas which many of you men will have spent in the armed forces since Pearl Harbor. To those in these Harbor Defenses who have pledged that "No Enemy Ships Shall Pass Through the Golden Gate," I extend my sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas.

Although many of us must again spend our holidays being separated from homes and loved ones, we must take cheer from the fact that we are efficiently shouldering the small but important portion of the burden designated to this command.

We are helping our comrades overseas in maintaining the security of our shores and our homes, in that way speeding the approach of the day when hate, oppression and war will again be replaced by "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

Kenneth Rowntree,
Colonel, C.A.C.
Executive Officer



METROPOLIS OF THE GOLDEN GATE

... as seen from Fort Scott in the Harbor Defenses of San Francisco. This scene of architectural beauty was illustrated by Pfc. Frank Gerner, Hq Btry HDSF, who, before entering the service, was a promising young California architect. Private Gerner said he chose this scene because "It best represents in lines and contours that which we, in these fortifications, devote our armed

might and our lives if need be to defend." San Francisco is a city built on seven hills with the Spanish influence shown in building structure, dominating the scene. It is a city that stands at the head of one of the most vital harbors in all the world—especially during wartime.

Glass-Eater Chows at Scott

Clowning around may have been just an act for the girl friend for many GI's when they were civilians, but to Pvt. Paul Miller of Hq-SCU, Fort Scott, it was a paying proposition.

Miller played the "big top" for several years as clown, glass-eater, razor-blade masticator, sword-swallower, and what-have-you. And spinning yarns about his interesting experiences with the nation's leading circus outfits—Daley Brothers, Russell Bros. and Ringling—is Miller's favorite occupation.

"I started in the circus racket when I was 11 years old," the squat, 250-pound soldier said. "I was a sort of an assistant to an assistant to an assistant for one of the main clowns. I got a buck-fifty a day. My duties consisted of laying out the main clown's wardrobe and seeing that his make-up was mixed."

Miller got his first "break" a couple of months later when one of the main clowns became ill and the 11-year-old Paul Miller donned his first clown costume and stepped into the spotlight of the "big top," a place many circus entertainers do not attain for many years.

"This business of eating glass and razor blades and swallowing swords

was more or less a sideline," the 22-year-old soldier said. "After my performances early in the evening as a clown, I would change my clothes and run out to the side-shows where the regular glass-eater needed some help."

"I wasn't very good at it, though, but managed to pass. I guess the only reason I did those crazy things was to get the two extra bucks a day they paid. Believe me, in those days dough was hard to get in the circus business."

In the sideshow, Miller also had a favorite trick of sticking hatpins and sewing buttons on his arm.

While he was with Ringling Bros., Miller used the name of Paul Charles.

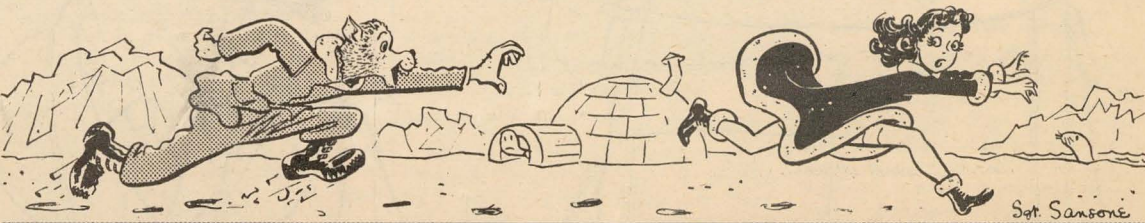
Mr. Charles, nee Miller, donned khaki Dec. 7, 1943 and was sent to Seattle, Wash., for basic training and was assigned to a traffic unit at Fort Lawton before coming to Fort Scott last month.

After the war, the roly-poly clown intends to return to his concession business at Ocean Park and see that the Loop-O-Plane, Spitfire Whip, and Hit-Me-With-The-Ball games are in order. And then again, he says, "I may even go back to Ringling as a clown again. Who knows?"

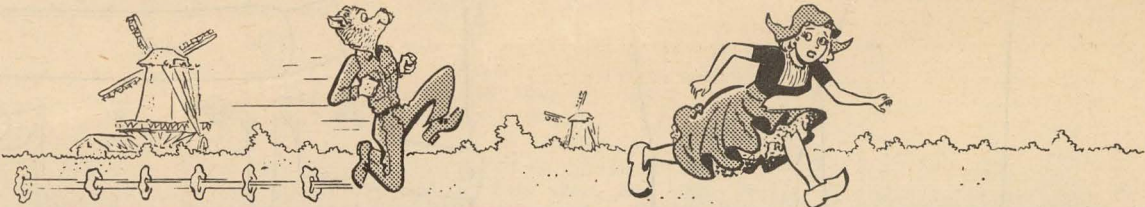


YUM! YUM! Pvt. Paul Miller, former "big top" clown, sits down to a delicious meal of light globes and broken glass while Hq-SCU cook T-4 Primo Ricci looks on with incredulity. Miller admits light globes are his favorite course because "the glass is more tender." He'll wind up his show with a dessert of razor blades. "I eat GI chow, too," he asserts.

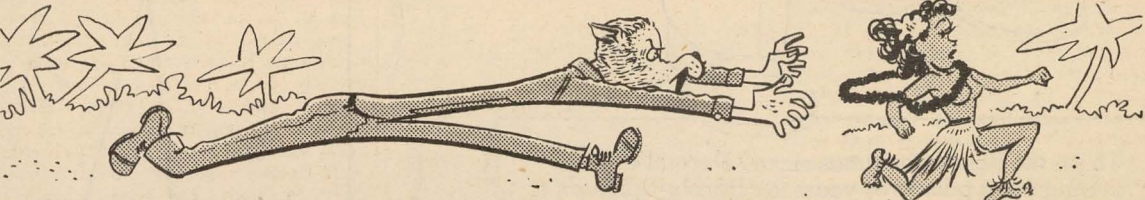
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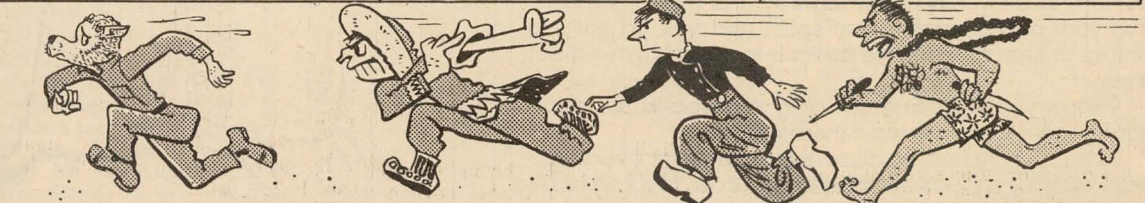
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Peace On Earth

... by T-3 John Sherwood of the Army Pictorial Service. Christmas for some is this. Sergeant Sherwood, whose home is in Berkeley, has furnished The Golden Gate Guardian many of its news and feature pictures as a top photographer with the Presidio Signal Corps. "While Christmas is a sacred and cheery day to most people on earth, we cannot overlook the way many of our buddies are to spend it this year," Sergeant Sherwood said.



PFC. JOSEPH QUADROS
C-Rations for Big Day

Pfc Alfred Quadros spent last Christmas in Jerusalem. The former ordnance man, now stationed at Fort Scott with the SCU fire department, described it as being "just like something out of a story book—sacred, impressive and beautiful." "It was certainly a lot different from the one I had the year before in East Africa where the weather was so hot you could have fried an egg on the streets. We had C-rations that day. In spite of what the natives say canned chow will never replace the turkey."

Pfc Quadros will be home in Sar Leandro, Calif. this Christmas. After 27 months overseas it's some thing to look forward to.

New Naval Diesel

Tow Tug in Use

The War Shipping Administration has announced the development of a new type naval craft, a 195-foot tug which can tow almost anything afloat.

The tug is powered by two Diesel engines and carries enough oil to remain at sea 75 days. It is manned by a crew of 40 merchant seamen and officers and a Navy guncrew to man a two and one-half inch gun.

HMMMMMMMMMM!

"Who gave the bride away?" "I could have, but I kept my mouth shut."

Remember

Washing in helmets in Asia; living in foxholes in the Southwest Pacific; marching through bomb-leveled cities somewhere in Europe—forever on the alert.

They know that for every home that is a winner this Christmas another is a loser. That for the many who may rejoice in life a noble number have made the supreme sacrifice that they might do so. They won't forget the fellows overseas. They can't.

Last year and the year before and the year before that they were those fellows.

Glad to Be Back

T/Sgt. Ernest Causey, T-4 Emerson Wilson, Cpl. Howard Ivey and Pvt. Richard Dickerhoff of the 396th AAA are four Californians who spent the last four Yuletide seasons overseas.

It was Honolulu in '40 and '41, Fiji in '42 and Bougainville in '43, where Christmas Day was observed in combat style with field menu rations.

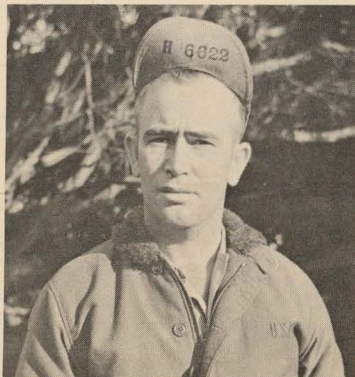
These four veterans, former members of the National Guard, went overseas together and have remained together ever since.

Private Dickerhoff's younger brother, Nick, of the Marines, was killed on Saipan.

Sgt. David DiStefano and T-4 Ralph Dellapelle, also of the 396th, are the Army's Damon and Pythias who haven't been back to a Kenneth Square, Pa. Christmas in five years. From the same town, the same schools, and now the same outfit, Dave and Ralph are also the same age.

They attended mass in a jungle cathedral on Christmas Island Christmas Days of '42 and '43.

Causey, Wilson, Ivey and Dickerhoff will be home in San Diego, Long Beach, Mariposa and Bellflower respectively Christmas Day. DiStefano and Dellapelle have too far to go so will settle for a good old Yankee Army Christmas in the states.



T-5 WILLIAM HEADRICK
At Oro Bay

T-5 William Headrick is another HDSF man with a background of combat experience and overseas Christmas celebrations. He was with a CA aircraft outfit in New Guinea and observed the traditional day day last year at Oro Bay.

"I will never forget it," he said. "We were so busy working on the guns and unloading, besides dodging Jap bombers that I didn't have much time to think about what kind of a celebration they were having back home in Rome, Ga."

Headrick spent 32 months overseas and in March of this year participated in the invasion of the Admiralty Islands which he said was pretty much touch and go for the first five days. The T-5 wears a Presidential Unit Citation and three major engagement stars.

Christmas at Fort Scott will mark this Yank's fourth Yuletide away from home.

Foxhole Turkey Chow

RDM 3/c Norman Heath, Navy Det., was a long way from his home in Woodslee, Ontario, last Christmas. He was on Tarawa.

Heath said he went in at the time of the blitz in November and left shortly after New Year's. "It was a real foxhole Christmas. The Nips even bombed us during chow causing such a commotion that the traditional bird tasted a lot more like K rations," Heath recalls.

Radioman Heath will be very happy to sample some of the famous San Francisco holiday hospitality this year in view of the non-too-cordial reception by the Nipponese in '43.

Benny's Necktie Is Oversea Hit

Jack Benny's loud necktie made a bigger hit with GI's in the Pacific than his jokes, or Carol Landis' neat figure, it was reported on the return of the unit to the States.

Benny made it a point to do all of his shows in civilian clothing, to give the lads a glimpse of what the smart young man will wear when he gets home, though he traveled in uniform, as do all entertainers in theatres of operations.

Where Were You Last Christmas?

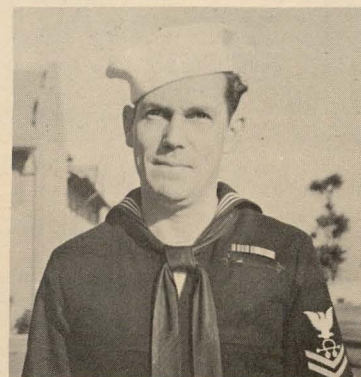


MIKE 'FLAGS' BURICA, SM 2/c and 'RAGS'

Long Time No White Yule

SM 2/c Mike 'Flags' Burica is another four-year-no-home-Christmas-man. This intrepid sailor from Chicago was dodging enemy subs somewhere in the Southwest Pacific last year and managed to pick up a few campaign ribbons and combat stars at Bougainville and Africa.

Mike knows what it means to have to get out and swim in the bloody pool of the Pacific and celebrate the holidays around bomb fires with Japs flying low in their strafing sleighs. He misses the "White Christmas" of the Windy City with his family, but still considers himself lucky to have a green one in the City by the Golden Gate.



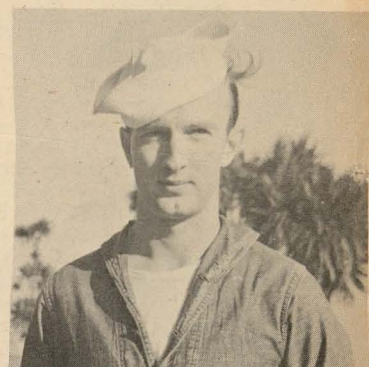
JAMES MCCORMICK, SM 2/c

Gloomy Days

SM 2/c James (Mickey) McCormick spent 23 months and two Christmas Days on the Wallis Islands. Those were two of the gloomiest days he's ever known and describes the whole island as looking like a sea of tents in a mass of rain and mud.

McCormick mentioned mosquitoes worse than dive bombers and "as big as P-39's." They pack a terrific wallop in the form of a tropical disease called elephantiasis which the natives refer to as "moormoo," the sailor said.

The best Christmas present McCormick received last year was his first hot shower in 14 months. He says this Christmas is really going to be right with plenty of hot water—and other things.



BYRON LOVEALL, RDM 2/c

Fugitive from Refrigerator

RDM 2/c Byron Loveall with the Navy Det. at Fort Scott will celebrate his first American Christmas in three years. "I spent last Christmas in Iceland," the Salt Lake City, Utah navyman said, "and while a lot of my buddies were sweating out visions of cold beer and cokes in the Southwest Pacific I felt like a fugitive from a refrigerator."

Two previous Yuletides were observed in Bombay, India where a fellow is more apt to get curry and rice instead of turkey. Loveall is looking forward to a Fort Scott Christmas next Monday.

Volunteer for Army; Are They Kidding?

Veterans who have been honorably discharged from the armed forces may volunteer again, it has been announced by Selective Service headquarters.

Local boards have been authorized to reclassify as available for service such men in this classification who wish it.

to Australia soon after."

Garcia spent the holidays of '42 and '43 in Australia pulling guard duty, but this year he is looking forward to spending it at home with his parents in Antonchico, N. M.



Kneeling left to right: PVT. RICHARD DICKERHOFF, T-4 EMERSON WILSON, T-4 RALPH DELLAPELLE, SKT. DISTEFANO, CPL. HOWARD IVEY, T/SGT. ERNEST CAUSEY.



PFC. FRANCISCO GARCIA

He Was There

Pfc Francisco Garcia now attached to Fort Funston is an overseas veteran of three Christmas seasons. Garcia particularly remembers December of '41 when the Japs invaded the Philippines. He was there.

"I never thought I'd live to see another," he said. "I must have made the right New Year's resolutions because my outfit got away

HD 6th War Loan Nears End; \$18,000 Subscribed

WASHINGTON, D. C., (DNB Bulletin)—Adolf Hitler, leader of the National Socialist Party, early this morning virtually assured his German people that they will "rule the world in peace for eternity" when The Fuehrer strong-armed his way into the White House, overthrowing a crumbling American "Democracy" in a dramatic "purge."

Meanwhile, countless American soldiers fighting in the South Pacific were battling a "lost cause." It was a known fact to The Leader that disillusioned Yankee soldiers were without necessary supplies and ammunition. The American "home front" had failed and coup d'etat was simple for Our Leader.

Burned in the White House "purge" were more than fourteen million dollars worth of War Bonds which thoughless Americans had not purchased, and which their President said "would have turned the tide in favor of America had they been purchased."

The above newspaper article, while not accurate in any detail, nevertheless could conceivably happen. Nothing is impossible in a war.

But the story has a local angle. Harbor Defense soldiers and civilian employees of the government working at Fort Scott and Sub-posts have been buying their "bond-a-month" for quite some time, making certain that Adolf does not come anywhere near the White House.

Currently, the Sixth War Loan drive is more than half completed and many dollars are being lent Uncle Sam by these patriots. Countless HDSF soldiers are signing up for the popular 'GI Bond' It's a \$7.50 loan which nets a neat \$10 at maturity.

Extra Bonds

In addition to the Class B Allotment, soldiers from Fort Funston to Fort Cronkhite are buying for themselves or their families, Christmas presents in the form of War Bonds by cash purchases, or the "one extra Bond" which everyone is buying during the Sixth War Loan.

For the 15-day period, Nov. 15 to Nov. 30, a total of \$18,022.05 passed through HDSF War Bond coffers by cash purchases alone. This does not include the regular "bond-a-month" both GI's and civies have been getting each month.

Of this cash purchase total, \$9,-

970.60 has been loaned by Harbor Defense tactical organizations and the remaining \$8,052.25 by SCU and civilian employees.

High Percentage

Although a mere 14 per cent of the 172d CA Bn. have signed up for Class B Allotments, the 172d tops the cash purchase department for the tactical with a \$2,703.75 collection for the two-week period. Other battalion percentages of participation in the Class B Allotment are 6th CA Bn., 28 per cent; 173d, 20; 174th, 26.

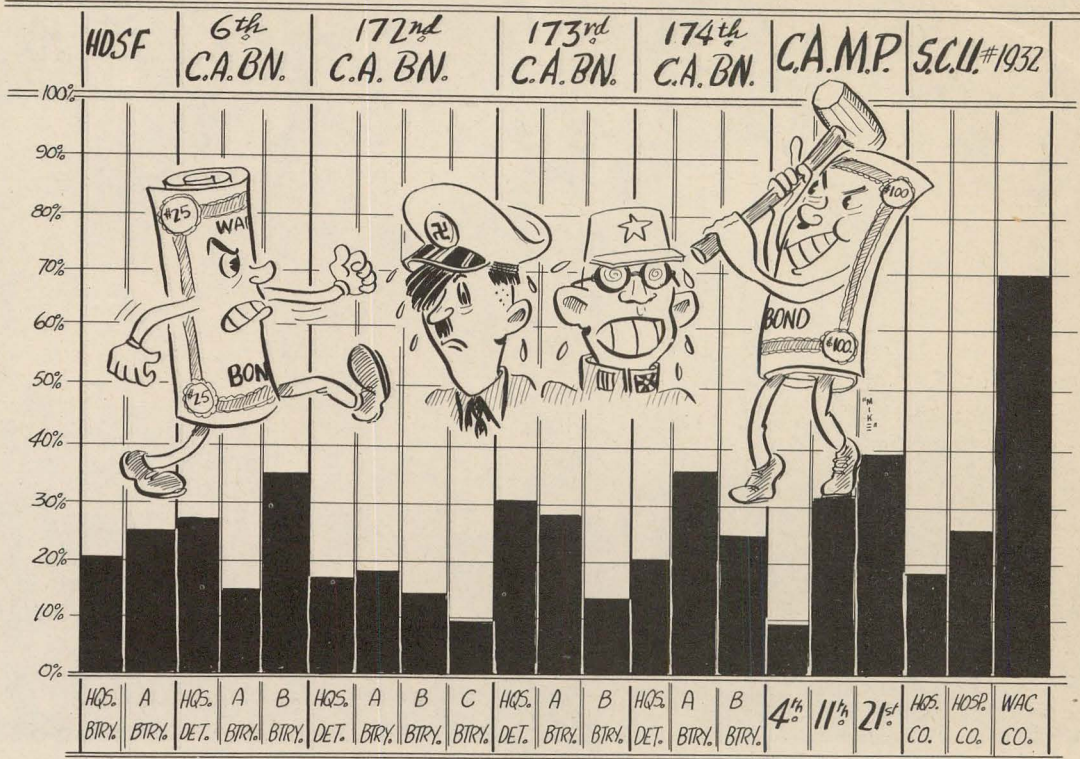
Much of the success of the drive to date is credited to the excellent work of the various HDSF battery "minute-men" who are working overtime getting their buddies to lend their money to Uncle Sam.

Over The Top

According to Capt. Walter F. Cornwell, post War Bond officer, and WOJG Ira Walker, HDSF War Bond officer, the Sixth War Loan Drive is surging ahead very satisfactorily.

"It is very important to realize," Mr. Walker said, "that Class B Allotment War Bonds are now being issued right at Fort Scott three days after they are purchased—and War Bond cash purchases are issued on the spot. Every soldier should feel it his duty to buy at least a 'bond-a-month' until they're ready to don civies again."

HDSF 'GI BOND' CHART



THE TOP'S THE LIMIT! This chart, based on accurate Class B Allotment percentage figures as of Nov. 30, shows a tremendous fluctuation between various batteries and companies in the Harbor Defenses when it comes to buying the Bond - A - Month. These marks will probably rise when the reports for the month of December are announced for various battalions and individual organizations. It should be noted that in this chart the 172d Bn. has the lowest battalion percentage, but it has the highest cash purchases of War Bonds of more than \$2,000 for November.

HAPPY VALLEY

By Cpl. Frank Meehan

Back for another chat with a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all you GI's in the HDSF.

Making the long wished trip home for Christmas are the two Rebels, 'Francois' Jenson and 'Nerves' Owens. Everyone would be worried at their trip but 'Tiny' Schrotenboer is going as far as Chicago with them so they ought to make it.

Clyde Audas making a trip to the blood bank, passed out cold, and according to 'Pappy' Connelly, he did it just so the nurse would carry him to a cot. Tch, tch, and at your age, too, Clyde. 'Beaver' Barth is back from Joisey and the Canteen is catching the devil again. Since losing 'Rocky' Rochambeau it is a solitary invasion, but 'Beaver' claims, "There is nothing to it."

Monday night the basketball team did themselves fine by taking the top score in the contest with B-6th. Ken Smith received a souvenir in the form of shiner. One stitch was necessary to close it up. And then we have the bowling team. Statement unnecessary.

BLANK! BLANK! A variety show down in the Valley brought a high-

ly talented boogie player. All the wolves in the front row were drool-



ing as usual. Then we have '20-20' Dengler, who very innocently told us that one of the trees down here slugged him in the nose. He even had a flashlight. At least he looks the part for Christmas.

MAN OF THE WEEK: 'Cabbage' Schmidt. He took a seven hour pass Saturday night. This is the first pass he has been on since his furlough four or five months ago. Congrats, 'Cabbage.'

It is time to go, so again, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN: S/Sgt. Bill Young, former Chronicle photographer and Presidio Signal Corps cameraman.

First met Bill when he returned from nine agonizing months shooting stuff for the Army in Alaska and the Aleutians. He never said much about his photo assignment except that it was monotonous as hell, cold, the chow not as good as at Letterman Hospital, no liquor and overdressed women.

Shortly thereafter Attu was invaded and Kiska taken.

Bill Young did quite a bit of shooting for The GGG during his short stay in the states. Every time he went on a job he mentioned how grateful he was to be around and how nutty some guys are always wanting to go over and "see" things.

Then he bought himself a Rollei-flex camera with flash attachments and a roomy carrying case.

"What for?" his envious camera buddies asked.

"With a Rollei you can get stuff from a foxhole a lot easier than with a bulky Graphic. You can get 12 shots to the roll—and it is less likely to get tagged by a slug," he would confide.

A little investigation disclosed that Sergeant Young was making daily visits to the WDC headquarters requesting an overseas assignment. "I've got connections," he would bel-low. "They can't keep me here!"

Before taking his final overseas physical, Photographer Young tested out his Rollei-flex by taking some of the finest photos in The GGG file—Madame Chiang Kai-Shek's visit and the launching of the Liberty Ship Sun Yat Sen in her honor.

Recent word says that S/Sgt. Bill Young received the Bronze Star for outstanding photo work under fire during the Marshall Islands campaign. He is now with the Seventh Division on Leyte, being a "nut" who volunteered.

They say he has grown a beard and poses native girls with their legs crossed on tree stumps the way he used to pose pretty San Francisco stenos on their desks "in the line of duty."

By now Sergeant Young is legend. Even his growing a beard brings press comments. We just hope the lens hound finds his way back one of these days.

We'd like to get our mitts on that Rolli-flex.

GIBRALTAR

A gal who knows she's not the only pebble on the beach is usually a little boulder!

Best GI Buy—GI Bonds

FOOTLIGHTS and SPOTLIGHTS

Xavier Cugat is to be married to Ann March, January 2 . . . Republic picture, "Earl Carroll's Vanities," plays up cigaret shortage angle . . . one sequence shows cigaret girl with "No Cigaretts" sign.



Bndsmen find themselves rusty after an absence of more than two years from recordings . . . Harry Jams put in three hours on one tune recently . . . For many years a stage hit, "Life With Father" has been sold to Warners.

Sponsors are putting up howl against the rising costs of radio advertising . . . Milton Berle with no picture contracts in sight is planning a New York stage show next February . . . Dennis Morgan's role to play "The Life of Tony Pastor" has been cancelled.

Georgie Jessel is scheduled to produce three pictures: "The Dolly Sisters" (Jan. 4); "Fitten on the Keys" (Jan. 18); and "O. Henry" (Feb. 4).

PRC productions list 20 features to go into production . . . includes five novels, fourteen original screen stories and one short magazine story . . . Gene Autry has gone to court against Republic pictures . . . he wants his contract cancelled . . . claims his entry into Army automatically cancelled bond with pix company.

Gracie Allen recently christened a tanker at Chester, Pa. . . . The Frank Sinatra Vimms show to go off air Jan. 1 . . . show is being peddled around to prospective sponsors . . . as yet no one has grabbed.

Jack Benny unveils his latest singing sensation, Larry Stevens, in New York Jan. 4 . . . Perry Como has signed up with Chesterfields to do a radio show . . . Crooner Jerry Wayne goes dramatic in Charlie Chan series over networks.

Phil Spitalny and all girl orchestra have left Hollywood for New York. . . . A well known religious publication has decried Bob Hope for his choice of gags for servicemen.

Sammy Kaye was honored recently by the University of Detroit . . . degree of S.S.D. was thrust upon him—"Doctor of Swing and Sway." . . . The Voice's cancellation of a concert in Boston didn't fare well with the promoters and bobbysoxers . . . tonsil artist said he had a sore

throat . . . tickets sold for as high as \$4.80.

Duke Ellington has written a musical score for a new stage show . . . Due to Lionel Barrymore's illness,

Dr. Gillespie series was to be discontinued . . . However, new slant dealing with scientific achievements is to be integrated into pictures . . . Barrymore says he never felt better in his whole life and will continue to make the pictures.

Kay Kyser has a new sponsor in the form of Colgate . . . will get \$25,000 weekly for "Musical Knowledge" airtel . . . Bill Robinson and Louis Armstrong are featured in the new Cafe Zanzibar show in New York.

Hospital Doings

Lecture, Wassail Parties Scheduled

"Current Events" will be the topic of Dr. W. W. Hall, dean of men of the Marin Junior College, when he lectures to patients and permanent party of the Baker hospital tomorrow night at 1830 in the Red Cross recreation hall.

One of the two Christmas parties slated for the rec hall will be held tonight at 1830 with soldier skits featuring the entertainment. Another Yule fete for patients will be Sunday night at 1830, featuring "Wassail," an old-fashioned Irish holiday drink of cider and fruit juices.

Community and choral singing by the Sausalito High School glee club will be featured.

Sunday, Dec. 17, Miss Ruth Slenszynski, pianist, appeared for a recital at the hall.

Earlier in the month the variety show from the Hurricane Club visited the rec hall boards, headlining Hawaiian music and acts. The ATC band of Hamilton Field, Calif., played before a packed house Dec. 6.

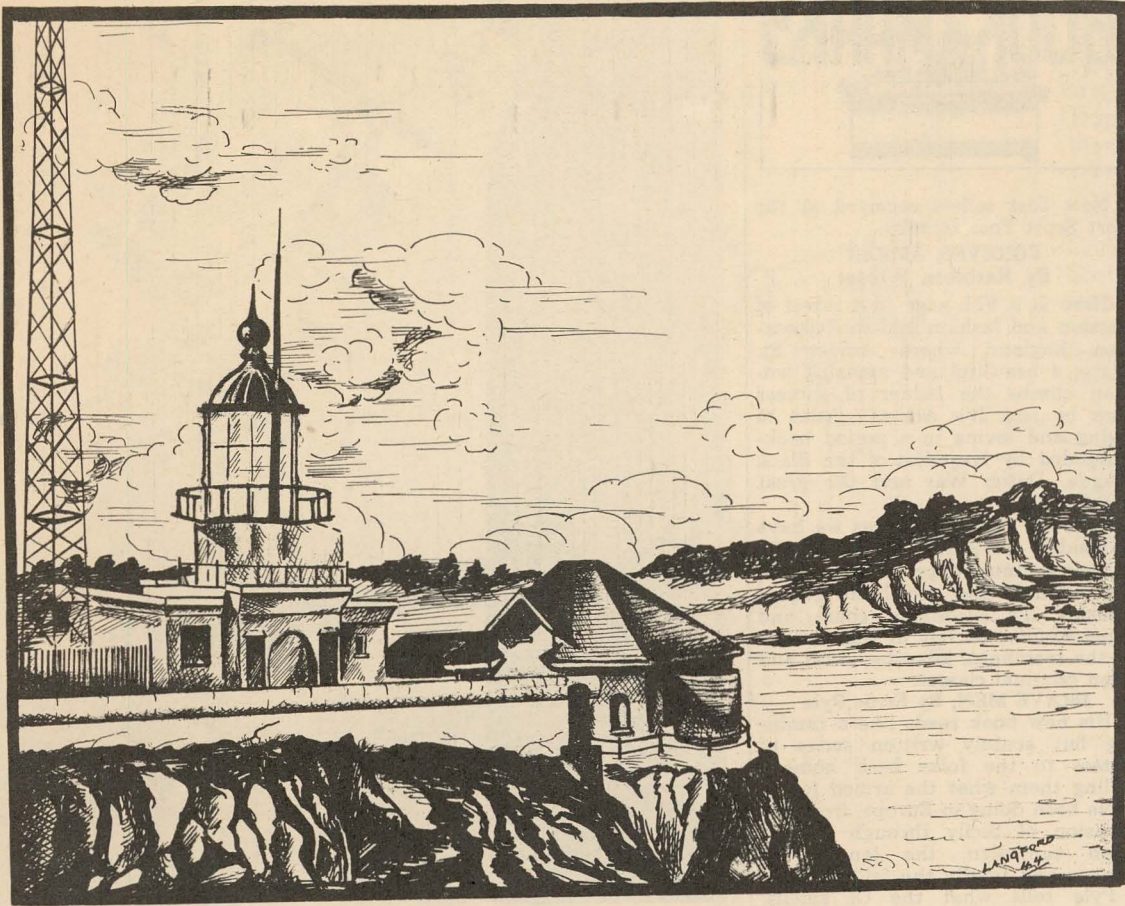
SAVE A BUDDY'S life . . . donate a pint of blood today . . . phone 3678 for appointment.

DAFFYNITION:

Baldness—a sure sign that a man has come out on top.



HOLIDAY SEASON frills make little difference to coast artillerymen in training. Here are a group of Fort Barry cannoners getting final questions fired at them by Major Albert Draves, executive officer of the 172d C. A. Bn., during a gunners exam. Kneeling in the coastal gun parapet is Sgt. John Lewandowski,



CONSTANT VIGIL, by SGT. OTIS LANGFORD, Battery B-172d C.A. Bn., is symbolic of what we, as harbor defense troops, represent. In this excellent pen and ink sketch Sergeant Langford depicted a beacon signifying the eyes of watchfulness. Choppy waters and rocky shoals are signs of danger. The soldier's constant listening for the first element of danger is pictured by antennas. Specializing in 'waterscapes' Sergeant Langford has some of his illustrious subjects painted on the Fort Barry mess hall walls.

Presidio YMCA Fetes Harbor Defense Lads

With movies, song and fancy chow the Army 'Y' at the Presidio is adding a big chunk to festivities in the HDSF.

Today at the Baker Hospital the 'Y' furnishes music for the party and assists at the kid's party at the Baker Chapel. Tomorrow a talent show visits Battery Beach; movies to be shown at Battery Land.

Feature movies are to be shown at Bldg. 9, Scott, and Miley guest house, Saturday. Music for chapel services at Funston will be furnished at 0900, Sunday. A concert is scheduled the same day at the Scott chapel at 1000.

Christmas Day a party dinner will be given for a mechanized cavalry outfit in the North Bay.

'Jap' Artillery Commander Comes Through Death Amid Rousing Cheers

By S/Sgt. A. F. Whitt
Camp Haan 'Tracer'

When T-3 George Holland of Btry B, 296th AA Bn., joined the Army, the last thing he figured he'd ever be doing would be fighting in a Jap uniform.

That's just what he did last week, however, at the Army-Navy War Show in Memorial Stadium, Berkeley, where he played the role of a commander of artillery in the Japanese Imperial Marines.

This fugitive from comic opera had a battery of field guns which

fired furiously on successive waves of advancing American infantry as they fought the battle of the South Pacific atoll before a stadium full of yelling spectators. The attacking line charged, wavered, and then charged again.

Enemy Wiped Out

When finally all resistance was overcome except the battery of enemy artillery, several well-placed rounds from the Yank guns made direct hits and the positions were reduced to rubble. The infantry closed with bayonets and dispatched the gun crews.

"Last night the gun was blown up and I'm already dead, see?" said Holland, stepping out of character and speaking San Diego English. "What happens but some glory-bound has to bayonet me, while women scream in the stands."

But Holland is a craftsman, and he's always thinking of new ways to improve his act. Now he's considering throwing a few insults at the attacking 396th men, such as "Blood for the Emperor!" or, "Colonel Eddy eats Spam!"

Tank Commander

T-3 Marvin Goetz, a battery ordnance man by profession and a massive type physically, was a cinch to draw the assignment of a Yank medium tank commander in the show.

When his cue is given, he stands erect through the top hatch and directs his vehicle into action. However, there is a little backstage drama in his act that the folks in the stands don't know about.

Now the cue is given. Heavy motors churn, treads bite in and take hold, and a salvo of 75's roars out! Good thing the cheering audience can't see the anxious eyes of the men inside, peering through slits and ports.

Corporals: Mihal and Pintek.

T-5's: Altergott, Llewellyn, and Vasconcellos.

Congratulations to every one of you from every one of us!!!

Handsome 'Hank' Nessman displayed unusual form on the bayonet course in a recent drill. The Milwaukee GI stormed each object with



reckless abandon. In fact, he resembled a bull in a China closet (that trip to L. A. really pepped him up). Hats off to Sgt. Meyers and Cpl. Sosnowski for contributions they are making to our landscaping project. Their picket fence is a worthy monument to the fine art of woodcraft.

Quite a number of our boys will sweat out a fourth Christmas under the stars and bars this year. However, we still have a long way to go to catch up with 1st Sgt. Wright who claims over a quarter hundred times he has hung his socks on a GI bunk.

(Swell stuff from a new correspondent. Keep it up.—Ed.)

EXPENSIVE

From July 1, 1940 through April 30, 1944, the United States government expended \$184,000,000,000 for war purposes.

MUSICIANS

When girls are fit as fiddles, they draw the beaus.

HUM-DRUM LIFE

Adam's first day was the longest; there was no Eve.

MILEY MINUTES

Cpl. Hadley Breakey

As this column goes to press, all the dogfaces at Miley are looking forward to a pleasant but unusual Yuletide; a green Christmas in spite of an abundance of "G.I. snow."

Cpl. Wm. Rees will be one of the boys after the 21st. The better half will cross the great divide and visit the home folks in Cleveland during the holidays. When last interviewed, our popular Orientation Noncom had this to say: "I'll spend my sparetime writing letters, drinking coffee in the Hostess House, and punching 'cards' in the dayroom.

Through the efforts of Strohmeier and Walpole, genial PX managers, we are enjoying a new pop-corn machine. Now there is another good reason for drinking 3.2 beer.

One of our number, Pfc Andrew Pavalonis, has FOUR brothers in the service. Five from one household is a real contribution to the war effort. We are glad to have such a family represented in our battery.

At this season every day is field day for local chow hounds. Between repasts at the mess, they roam the area in search of fruit cake, candy, nuts, and cookies. Right now, your reporter is sweating out Sgt. Rennie's most prized possession—a box of sweets from his former employer, the Kroger company.

Try this for a tongue-twister: Sgt. Teeter Tot Rodriguez toted a ton of TNT into the Tee Off."

S/Sgt. Endres has this to offer in regards to his most recent acquaintance. "She was only a Plotter's daughter, but, brother, what Set-forward points."

Btry 'C' announces recent promotions: Our Battery Commander is Captain Dalton, and it is 1st Lt. Wrase now.

Here is a list of the stripes that descended on Ft. Miley:

Staff Sergeants: Cullins, Zielke, Endres, and Stahl.

Sergeants: Hughs, Rennie, Rimmel, Rodriguez, Schmidt, and Wolford.



ROBERTA RAMON

USO
CAMP SHOWS

Cute Toe Dancer In Next USO-Show
Eight Peppy Acts Start Tues.

One of the illuminating features of Christmas Week is "Thanks Loads," the next USO-Camp Show to play the Post theaters in the HDSF.

Of the eight acts scheduled one looms as something different for soldier audiences—a figuresome toe dancer, Roberta Ramon. Advance publicity says she trips around to waltzes by Strauss and Victor Herbert and is good enough to have been billed as headliner at the Radio City Music Hall.

Benny Ross, besides acting as emcee, snaps up some fancy patter and imitates such luminaries as George Jessel, Harry Richmond and Al Jolson. In one act he is teamed with Maxine Stone, a "perfect comedian's foil."

"Aristocrats of the Wire" label Don Francisco and Co., a 'well balanced' group. They have thrilled audiences all over the world with neck breaking stunts on the 'tight rope.' This act is really supposed to be big time and guarantees to pack a wallop.

If practice makes perfect, Damon, the magician of the show, should be pretty close to the 1-A category with 2500 performances to his credit. This slick individual has not been heralded as being the rabbit and magic wand kind.

The program is rounded out by the singing of the Jivin Jills, three girls from Dallas whose talents are patterned after the Andrews Sisters. Nineteen-year-old chicks from Chicago called the "Three Wyse Girls" toss their tootsies and torsos around in slam bang rhythm.

Irving Victor is the pianist and musical conductor.

"Thanks Loads" starts its HDSF engagements at the Baker Station Hospital Tuesday afternoon (Dec. 26) and follows up with an evening performance at the Fort Baker theatre.

The Barry theatre receives the troupe Wednesday evening and the final performance will be at the Fort Scott theatre Thursday evening. Soldiers and their families are invited without charge to all performances.

Save a fighting buddy's life tomorrow. Donate a pint of blood today. Phone 3687 for appointment.

'B' LIONS

Santa Claus arrived a little early for a couple of the boys, but it was okeh with them because it included juicy ratings. Wilbur Beebe jumped from corporal to T-4 and Jim Brown was the proud possessor of T-5 chevrons after being a Pfc longer than he likes to remember.

That harrowed look on the brow of Pvt. Abelardo Lopez is not from bucking for Pfc; rather it's because the good man is expecting momentarily word from his Florida home that he's a father.

Willie Hoppe's billiard successor, Pvt. Fred Thompson, has just returned from furlough and reports that he has added a couple of new shots to his repertoire.

Harry James has nothing on Pvt. Henry Cramer, new battery bugler. Cramer couldn't play a note a couple of weeks ago, but a simple course with "Swift's Nifty Little I-

Hear-You-Calling-Caroline Trombone School" has made him really sharp. Mellow, brother, mellow.

Sgt. Otis Langford just got out of the sweatshop at the Baker hospital in time to welcome in T-4 Ralph (Speedy) Hund who is riding the absent-sick book with a badly sprained ankle. One of the first stringers on the battery basketball team, he will probably be out for the season. Meanwhile the team is so bad off they might even have to use T-5 Bus Rowland.

BATTERY SCRAPS: That sheepish look on the face of Pvt. Ken Rhoades is quite natural. He used to be a shepherd as a civie and the tales he tells certainly pulls the wool over the eyes of many gullible listeners The usual spick-and-span condition of the dayroom is the result of efforts by Pvt. Glen Mason.

Scott Quiz Kids Win KGO Contest

A Harbor Defense "brain trust" proved there are no cobwebs engulfing their gray matter last week when an all-soldier team from the UPO, Fort Scott, defeated a selected all-Marine team in a radio quiz show over the KGO-Blue Network.

Conducted at the Apostleship of the Sea Service Center, the question-and-answer program found the local GI's winners, 80 to 50.

As a prize, the team, composed of Cpl. Stanley Wilson, T-5 Bernard Silver and Cpl. Dan Gattis, from the HDSF and Pvt. Jack Ferroff of Fort Mason, a last-minute sub, were treated to an evening of free winning, dining and dancing at the Bal Tabarin.

The Fort Scott volunteer masterminds all admitted "it was lots of fun."

SCOTT WACS

Excitement is hardly the word to describe the feeling that took hold of the crowd as they stood on the barrack porch and gazed at the wreath hanging on the door of the orderly room. "Looks like another top-kick has turned up her toes," somebody murmured. "Guess we might just as well go in and pay our respects."

The crowd moved towards the door, then stopped suddenly as it opened and 1st Sgt. Mabel Lafar—herself—stood there to greet them.

"Well" she said, in that now famous and respected honey-southern accent, "what's troublin' yo' all—haven't yo' all ever seen a Christmas wreath befo'."

There was silence great enough to greet a shipping list until finally courageous little T-4 Lillie Tomishoff spoke up, "Not now Sarge, but gosh for a moment we thought Santa Claus was dead."

Mistletoe paid off some holiday dividends last week when Pfc Vera (Penny) Tennison elected to stand under the fatal bough for life with Cpl. Leonard Brashear stationed with a CA outfit at Fort Baker.

Lucky Christmas Good Conduct Ribbon winners included T-4 Elizabeth Horriath, T-4 Lillie Tomishoff, T-5 Dorothy Belessis, Pfc Frances Garland, Pfc Vera Tennison and Pvt. Charlotte Miller.

Pfc Catherine Hildebrand and Pfc Teresa DiDominicus have received the holiday vote of thanks for the swell job they did of decorating the day room.

"How to Win Friends and Influence People" is a popular book but Sgt. Florence Vanderiff says it's a lot simpler just to have a handsome brother who is a lieutenant in the navy pay you a visit.

Everyone spending Christmas at the Barracks is looking forward to a very jolly holiday time. With popular Lt. Patricia (Mom) Elwell and Lt. Jean (Auntie) Holzhauser at the helm it can't help but be a Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year for all.

EAGER BEAVER

Visits Dispensary

By T/Sgt. M. Zemach



Needed a physical . . . went to the dispensary. That's where action speaks louder than words.

I came incognito. . . . Wore a smile.

Entered the building and thanked the stretcher bearers . . . I was just a little something they picked up.

Sure was an inspiring place. One doctor kept singing "I'll Get By." Another doctor was carrying a sheet. It was white . . . not nearly as white as the guy under it. Poor fellow had undergone a terrific strain . . . tried to interpret AR's.

There were patients all around me. GI on my right must have been new . . . kept bragging about his strength. GI on my left was very calm . . . perfect facsimile of an earthquake. One of the boys was a mental case . . . had just spent three days and nights on the Challenger.

I was very fortunate . . . had to wait only one hour before being called. Was ushered into a small room. Claustrophobia gripped me . . . so did a medic. He shot me in the

arm . . . on his third try he qualified. Was an expert at giving shots . . . a bartender in civilian life. The needle was very sharp . . . next week I'm going to have it removed.

Had a blood test taken. The needle went in . . . my arm did a burpee. Found out you can have green blood and still live. The guy before me was patriotic . . . had red, white and blue corpuscles.

Also had x-ray pictures taken. Six proofs to choose from . . . one enlargement free with each set. Medic who took them was very nice. He looked at the funny side of life . . . always kept staring at me.

Following came a dental examination. Dentist must have been a wrestler in civilian life . . . no holds barred. He asked me how I cleaned my teeth. I told him. Said they'd look better if I had used a brush.

Remainder of examination was brief. Found out the 6th toe on my right foot was only a corn. One medic felt my pulse . . . had to sign a certificate that I was alive.

Passed my physical, was interviewed by Ripley, and returned to my barracks. Full duty.



New best sellers received at the Fort Scott Post Library.

FOREVER AMBER

By Kathleen Winsor

Here is a 971 page first novel of passion and fashion laid in Restoration England where Amber St. Clare, a beautiful and amazing woman climbs the ladder of success step by sex. It's Amber's Atlas of living and loving in a period backgrounded by tragedies of the Black Plague, Dutch War and the great London Fire.

Through her experiences we have a boudoir beautiful account of the complete immorality of the times, the political and social intrigue of Charles II's licentious court and repercussions as felt in the outlook of the merchant, laboring, rural and even criminal classes.

BRAVE MEN, By Ernie Pyle

His new book reads like a rambling but acutely written series of letters to the folks back home—telling them what the armed forces have been doing in Europe, from the invasion of Sicily through the Italian campaign, the landing in France and finally the fall of Paris. Pyle tells what the GI smells, feels, hears, sees and thinks day after day in battle and during the dull routine waiting, often in mud, dust, heat or cold. He tells his story of the doughfeet in the infantry who have lugged themselves through as dirty a business as the world has ever seen and do it with humor and dignity and courage.

TRY AND STOP ME

By Bennett Cerf

Random House's rollicking president has made a 378-page collection of his favorite jokes and anecdotes which are so good they have been published by the rival firm of Simon and Schuster. Sample:

An R.A.F. pilot was shot down in Occupied France, taken in by a friendly abbess and dressed as a nun. After eight weeks playing the part of a model sister, he suddenly swept a beautiful young nun into his arms. "Old yer 'orses, carn't yer?" barked the nun. "I've been 'ere since Dunkerque."

THE SAD SACK

By Sgt. George Baker

Yank's weekly chuckle-buster is presented in a volume of World War II's most famous comic strip, recording the sad mishaps of the big-nosed, sagging, hapless, diminutive chap who always gets the short end of the stick.

WOMEN AND MEN

By Amram Scheinfeld

Why in the long history of civilization has no woman ever achieved the highest rank as a philosopher or a historian, a poet or a painter, or even as a composer or a cook? Why have women's efforts in politics and statecraft, in business and industry, never been blessed with success in any way comparable to those of men in the same fields? Read this book for the right answers.

COMBUSTION ON WHEELS

By David Cohn

This is an excellent informal history of the automobile age beginning with the high sassiety days in the late nineties when it was not certain that it might be finally an electric or steam buggy, rather than gasoline propelled. Author Cohn then tells about the advent of popular cars and the hot opposition of the general public who couldn't afford them.

The chapters on crime and the auto, installment buying and the great American tendency represented by the phrase, "Fill 'Er Up," all have their place in this fine general study.

in the ping pong tourney followed by T-4 Steve Sedlak and S/Sgt. Moskowitz. Other ace contenders are Pvt. Bosman, Sgt. Hilton, Cpl. Urick, Sgt. Mikos, Cpl. Philopolis, Cpl. Emmer, Cpl. Shields and T/Sgt. Tomashunas.

"Dear daddy I'm fine, so's mother. John Michael." That in essence was the telegram received by John Proctor last week telling him he was the father of a boy. The battery clerk keeps muttering to himself "It takes a man to make a boy," though he was so sure it was to be a girl that he purchased \$100 worth of War Bonds in the name of "Ellen, daughter," two weeks before the event.

Virtually every man in the organization qualified on the grenade throwing course recently proving that "special duty men" can—and DO—make good soldiers.

May the New Year bring us the promotion we have been bucking for—c-i-v-i-l-i-a-n.



LOOKING HIGH OVER the housetops is a lot different from looking high out of a tree top for some Jap sniper, says Sgt. Michael Vitelli, new communication man at Fort Funston. This pole wouldn't be standing if it had taken one-tenth of the hammering his outfit gave the Japs on Guadalcanal. (Photo by GGG)

C. A. Communications Hero Climbs Cocoanut Trees, Dodges Sniper Fire

By Sgt. Tom Crooks

Admiral Chester Nimitz said, back in the early stages of the Solomons campaign, "It won't be long before we have those Japs completely cut off from bullets and beans." He must know guys like Mike Vitelli. Sgt. Michael Vitelli, now stationed at Fort Funston, hasn't forgotten those early January days of '43 on Guadalcanal, when the island was under threat of enemy attack by land, air and sea. Vitelli was communications man with a CA outfit that was taken over from the Marines. Their job was to continue mopping up operations.

The Japs were desperate. They had sustained staggering losses in the bitter battle for this nondescript Pacific jungle patch and kept coming back for more. It was believed they would make one last desperate attempt to regain the island. Sergeant Vitelli was a member of one of eight man teams whose job it was to maintain efficient communications in the jungle at all costs.

Far From White Way

Most of the fellows, like Vitelli, were from New York and had never been closer to a jungle before than the Bowery, Broadway, or the Bronx. Those city boys were soon climbing coconut trees with the best of them—repairing wires one minute, dodging sniper bullets the next.

Vitelli was a natural for the job. Quiet and unassuming, only 21, he helped complete the work expected of 20 men in the maintenance of two fire control systems, entailing twice the care of a regular battery.

For the performance of meritorious service during those weeks of the first months of '43 Vitelli received the Bronze Star. His citation reads as follows:

Commendation

"Sgt. Vitelli swam flood-swollen streams in order to insure uninterrupted telephone operation and often volunteered to mend wire lines during enemy aerial attacks. Sergeant Vitelli was largely responsible for the efficient communications maintained between two batteries and with adjacent sea-coast artillery units under the threat of enemy naval attack."

The battle for Guadalcanal is an old one now, but the splendid work of men like Vitelli will never be forgotten. Vitelli spent 10 months on the 'Canal' before taking off for a rest in the Fijis. From there he was sent to New Guinea.

Sergeant Vitelli returned to the states in October of this year, and will celebrate his first American Christmas in four years. He would like to have been home in New York with his parents and sister for this holiday, but counts himself lucky to even be on the same continent with them.

The sergeant says, "It is a lot better than being separated by two oceans."



Jive Hounds Have Field Day

The Horn Went from Tent to Fame

By T/5 Jason Meyer

With rhythmic blasts from a golden trumpet, Harry James 'sended' to thousands of hep cats at Civic Auditorium last week.

The jive hounds had themselves a field day—dancing and jitterbugging to the music of the famous James, who is recognized as the No. 1 trumpet artist in the country. High fortissimo or whispering pianissimo, James takes it in stride without blinking an eyelash or straining a muscle.

They came in droves and were lined up a blok long outside the auditorium.

Lov Down

Before stepping on the stage, The Horn gave the lowdown on some interesting items. For one thing, he is married to cinema lovely Betty Grable and is the proud papa of a bouncing baby girl, born a few months ago.

His unique career started with pageantry and color. Raised under a circus tent in Beaumont, Tex., his father was a trumpet player in the band, and it was through this musical influence that prompted the lad to blow the valve thing for a living.

It wasn't until years later, however, that James hit the big time, joining up with Ben Pollack's outfit. In 1937 he joined the famous Benny Goodman and remained there for two years.

James was a much sought after brass man and he decided that it was high time he organized his own combo. By Jan. 25, 1939, he had a full fledged band, ready for the public.

Record Shows

The record of "Most Shows During One Week" goes to The Horn. He made 54 shows in seven days while at the Paramount Theater in New York a year ago.

"That was certainly a busy week

for me. But the most thrilling experience I've ever encountered was opening at the Paramount in 1941. I was really scared as this was my first opportunity to hit the jackpot," he declared.

When the public recognized his great talent, it wasn't long after that Hollywood beckoned. James has made a score of pictures, the latest of which is "Two Girls and a Sailor." No movies are scheduled for a few months though his new radio show starts soon, co-starring Danny Kaye.

About being credited with giving Frank Sinatra his first band job, James said:

"I heard him in a Newark night club and offered the kid a job singing with my band. At first he thought I was spoofing, but when he realized I was serious, lost no time in accepting."

Among those who make up his band: Kitty Kallen, who once warbled for Jimmy Dorsey; Buddy DeVito with the ballads; Willie Smith, at one time playing with Jimmy Lunceford, on the alto sax; Corky Corcoran, formerly with Sunny Dunham at tenor sax; Allan Ruess, guitar; and Juan Tizol, the only valve trombone man in the business. Tizol was a featured player with Duke Ellington for many years.

Buy a Team

It has been rumored in trade papers that James is in the market to buy a baseball team.

"I'd certainly like to buy one," he said, "but many difficulties enter into the picture which must be ironed out first."

With the ban on recordings lifted, he is very busy making discs for Columbia. So far The Horn has waxed three platters in this new 1944-45 series.

Though only 27 years old, James has packed into that brief span hardship, toil, determination and finally, success.

HQ MALE ROOM

Sports—all kinds of them—are putting this battery of clerks, communication men, command post gents, artillery engineers and other specialists on the map.

The basketball quint started out the season by winning their first game by the fantastic score of 90 to 42. Sgt. Al Beekman sank 27 through the bucket for 58 points, a new HDSF record. (See sports page for details).

Enough bowling enthusiasts have been mustered to form another winning team. Outstanding on the alleys thus far are T-5 Ed Day, T-5 Ted

Armstrong, T/Sgt. Charley Sullivan, 1st Sgt. Bill Noone, Cpl. Carl Lyon. Chief sideline rooter is Pfc Willy Steigelmann.

In the battery pool tournament Cpl. John Proctor holds the top rung with T/Sgt. Tommy Tomashunas and S/Sgt. Lou Moskowitz right behind. T-4 Steve Sedlak, Cpl. Joe Urick and Sgt. Charles Teitel are temporarily in the third place rung with Cpl. John Condon, Cpl. Paul Emmer, T-5 Carl Steen, T/Sgt. Mordy Zemach and T-5 Joe Blanchard breathing down their necks. Athlete Al Beekman is top mogle

'By Request'

Screen Magazine Wac Identified; Some Chick



Cpl. Jeanne Millicent Meyer could easily qualify as the best-known Wac in the Army.

Jeanne is the mistress of ceremonies on the "By Request" program of the Army-Navy Screen Magazine. Thousands of GI's who have seen her face on the screen demanded more facts about her.

Here they are: She's 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighs 104 pounds, and is stationed at Flushing, N. Y. You can check these figures (or figure) for yourself this evening at the theater when the latest edition of the screen magazine will be presented.

Incidentally, she's unmarried.

Phoney Spotted

In writing of the famed 41st Infantry Division and their 19 months of jungle fighting Leonard Lyons, the columnist, relates the time a protective perimeter of foxholed riflemen were placed around their armor. At midnight they heard voices whose loud American speech was perfect. Two men, indistinct in the gloom, casually sauntered toward the foxholes, discussing the Santa Anita race track.

A tall, lean GI rifleman suddenly rose and threw a grenade at them. At dawn they discovered that the dead men were Japs. "I knew they were," shrugged the Kentucky grenade thrower. "I spotted them for phonies because no straight-place-or-show man would mention seeing the Derby at Santa Anita."

How Do You Like Your Cough Syrup

Does your cough syrup taste different lately?

If so, consider the event that took place at the Scott Dispensary recently when two of the local barkeepers were concocting the weekly supply of cough syrup.

Cpl. Russ (Pasteur) Denegar contended the medicine had purely a mental effect upon the victim while the other apothecary, Cpl. Cliff (M. Curie) Miller, being of the old school of thought, quoted Lister to prove his practical views on the advancement of medicine.

The lethal brew kept boiling on the hot plate building up pressure within the container while records, quotations and examples were cited long into the night.

There came a sudden blast. The sticky 'devil's brew' was splattered over walls, ceiling and windows.

Any similarity to the taste of mops and barcloths in your next throat medicine is purely coincidental . . . the pill-rollers insist.

Brass Bucks for Nifty New Rates

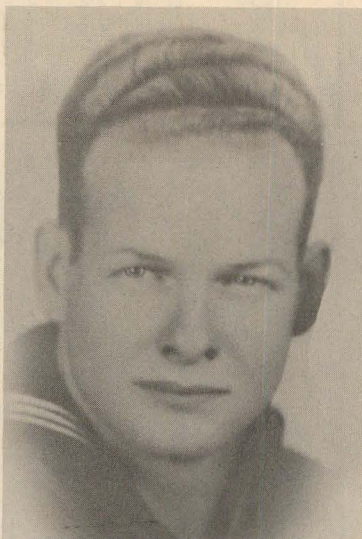
Seven Army and Navy Chiefs will rate five stars as a result of legislation signed by the President creating the new ranks of General of the Army and Admiral of the Fleet. The base pay jumps from \$8,000 to \$13,000.

To be "Generals of the Army": George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff; Douglas MacArthur, Supreme Allied Commander in the Southwest Pacific; Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Western Europe, and Henry H. Arnold, Commander of the Army Air Forces.

To be "Admirals of the Fleet": Ernest J. King, Commander in Chief of Naval Operations; Chester W. Nimitz, Commander in Chief of the Pacific Fleet and Pacific Ocean Areas, and William D. Leahy, Personal Chief of Staff to Mr. Roosevelt.

General John J. Pershing, Commander of the American Expeditionary Force of World War I, remains the highest ranking U. S. Army officer as General of the Armies.

Double Duty in the Service



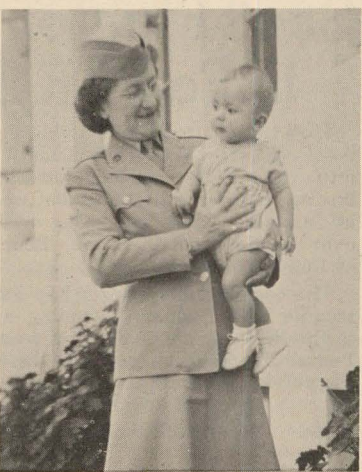
JAY CHAMBERS, SS'N



PFC. MARTHA SPANGLER



HAROLD CHAMBERS, CPO



PFC. ETHEL CARLSON and GRANDSON



PVT. MARGARET KOHL

Scott Wacs Have Spirit

"Like mother like daughter," and, we might add, "son"—must be the family motto of the gallant women in uniform who have preferred to follow in the warsteps of their children rather than sit back and listen for the homesteps.

Pfc. Martha Spangler and Pfc. Ethel Carlson with the Wac Company at Fort Scott are but two of the many enlisted women who have sons and daughters serving in the states and overseas with the Army, Navy and Marines.

Private Spangler is an Army mother with two boys in the Navy. The oldest, Harold Chambers, C's'n, is somewhere in the Southwest Pacific, while his younger brother, Jay, is outranking him as a C.P.O. at the Navy Base in Groton, Mass.

Grandma and ma, Pfc. Ethel Carlson, has a daughter, Wac Pvt. Margaret Kohl, stationed at Kingman, Ariz.; a son, Floyd, who is a Pvt. in an infantry division in the Philippines; another son, Lyman, recently honorably discharged from the Navy; and a stepson, Pvt. Carl Carlson, in the infantry at Camp Roberts.

As though that weren't enough, Pfc. Carlson has a splendid year old grandson whom she says the recruiting officer has an eye on to make it unanimous.

To these star-striped mothers in the service of Uncle Sam, who have elected to help ease the load and share much of the burdens of their loved ones, we join in a holiday toast. May they soon be united with their fighting sons and daughters.

Yanks May Be 'Cavemen'

Sgt. Bill Maudlin, staff artist for the Mediterranean editions of the Stars and Stripes, whose cartoons, 'GI Joe,' sketched from the front lines and syndicated by United Features, was reported to have been rebuked by a civilian writing to an Oklahoma daily paper:

"Maudlin's GI Joe looks like something out of a cave, not a hero who's fighting for us overseas."

The response to the criticism was great. Pvt. Lloyd Zellmer wrote from Italy:

"I lived in a dark, rat-infested cave for months on Anzio, and thanked God for the lucky break.

"Yes, we gladly live in caves if it means prolonging our lives. Does (the author of the letter) think the soldier is a composite of illustrations seen in magazines; a handsome, impeccably attired fellow who dashes about courting young damsels and generally smiling his way through the war?

"War is a column of infantry coming out of the lines after 10 or 15 days up there. There are not many sights more pathetic than those boys plodding along unsmiling and silent . . . caked with dust and dirt, their eyes expressionless and glassy.

"They've seen so much death and suffering. They know in a few days they will be going back to do it all over again."

The Daily Oklahoman published Zellmer's letter on page one.

GET YOUR DOUGH in the fight . . . buy War Bonds . . . invest wisely . . .

everyone was glad when it was over.

"Surprisingly enough not too many fellows are interested in returning to the states on the rotation policy and figure they might just as well stay here and get it over with for good rather than come home for awhile and then have to return."



Lt. G. V. Miller one-time civilian fiscal clerk on the post, then a Pvt. in the QM SCU 1932 and now lieutenant with a QM Truck Co. in France sends a few impressions from over there: "I'm afraid I'm not really much of a help on fashions but I will say these gals, particularly in Paris, manage to look

very smart with what they've got. All have 'old world' ideas too, so our girls back home really have little to worry about.

"We consider ourselves very lucky to be here living in a 35 room chateau."

Cpl. Wyatt Miers with an Ord. Amm. Co. in New Caledonia writes: "No malaria, no Japs. This is strictly a GI Island and I'm right back on the overseas gravy train. Showers, hot water, P.X., tents with floors and ceilings, dayrooms, pool-tables and movies four nights a week. I spend half my working hours teaching swimming. Shades of my old lifeguard days."

Lt. Col. E. T. Adler an ex-sergeant in pre-war Fort Scott days sends Christmas Greetings to many of his old friends still here and adds: "Step by step we are getting closer to the lair of Cpl. Schicklegruber and one of these days soon hope to see San Francisco. It certainly will look good."

WOJG Edgar Meroney another ex-Fort Scotter pens a few lines from somewhere in India to tell us: "This is a strange and colorful land of beautiful temples and abominable poverty. I visited a club in India recently and had my first scotch and soda since leaving the states—it was pure liquid gold. However I'll still settle for some of those good old doughnuts and coffee at the Fort Scott Grill.

S/Sgt. Samuel Rubino former bus driver at Fort Scott, now with an M.P. Co. somewhere in the southwest Pacific says: "San Francisco is the only good spot in the USA, — especially Fort Winfield Scott. However, let's discuss the country of liquid sunshine.

"The typhoons are terrific and bound to give you a lift in any man's language. The mud is better than knee deep. Mud and jungles, here, there and everywhere. Perhaps I'll be writing from China one of these days."

T/Sgt. Andrew Gosse is another Scott man who has made good overseas and takes time out to give some of his former pals the low-down on Iran: "The winter rains are here and the weather chilly—similar to San Francisco when it rains. At present we are without heat in the barracks and office.

"This Is The Army" played our camp for several days recently with a cast of about 170 players. The fellows enjoyed the show tremendously but inasmuch as we were deprived of the use of the service club during the two weeks engagement

HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR HOLIDAY GIFTS DONE UP, CHUM? Gloria Jean looks out at her GI pals with that mistletoe twinkle. Under the Christmas bough what could be more suitable!



Ice Hockey Team

Pfc Bill James, Ex-Star, to Coach Local HDSF Club

Whirring skates and crunch of grinding ice returns to the ears of Harbor Defense sports fans this week as the newly organized HDSF ice hockey team rounds into shape.

Under the mentorship of Pfc Bill James, ex-Michigan-Ontario hockey star, currently with Hq-HDSF, the coast artillery hockey men are practicing three times a week at Sutro's Ice Rink. Coach James has indicated his 10-man team will be ready to venture into challenge matches within a week or so.

The Harbor Defenders have officially entered the Bay Area servicemen's hockey loop. Competition is slated to start early in January.

James will act as player-coach and will hold down one of the wings, while the other wing position will be held down by Sgt. Ed Hooven, B-174th; T-5 Don Anderson, A-174th; Pvt. Bill Nagie, B-172nd; or Pfc Lewis Gombkota, Hq-172nd.

Cpl. Don Mader of Hq-172nd, Fort Barry, will probably hold down the important goalie position. Mader has had high school experience in the Middlewest.

Defense candidates include T-5 Ken Golden, B-174th; Pvt. Herman Kajewski, B-174th; Pvt. Don Weber, B-173rd; and T-5 Lloyd Olson, Hq-172nd.

Anyone else in the Harbor Defenses interested in playing on the hockey team should contact Coach James at Scott 3755.

Starbuck Rolls B-174th Keglers To Lead; Hot Race by Handicappers

Quint Sets New Team, Match Mark

Hotter than a three-alarm fire, Sgt. Martin Starbuck of B-174th, Fort Baker, has kegled his battery bowling team into first place in the North Bay pin league ahead of the pre-tournament favorites, the Barry Lions of B-172nd.

Starbuck, who last year bowled with the now defunct K-6th, personally accounted for a 576 effort as his team all but massacred a helpless Hospital Co. SCU team, three games to nothing.

Btry. B also chalked up two new league marks against the medic outfit—high team game of 984 and new total match pinnage of 2776, scratch. In this record, each man bowled a plus-500 series—Starbuck, 576; Pvt. Herman Kajewski, 570; Pfc Mike Bistry, 555; T-5 Carl Heisser, 552; T-5 John Winters, 523.

Lions Nipped

B-174th assured itself of top spot later in the week by edging the B-172nd Lions, two games to one, in a close match. The Lions nabbed the first game in an extra frame after the two teams were tied at the conclusion of their first team game. B-174th rallied to take the net two as Starbuck rolled a 540 series and Heisser a 533. T-5 Lowell Luken topped the losers with a 513 effort.

The Baker Officer quint made a lunge up the ladder by taking two games out of three each from Hq-173rd, A-172nd and A-6th. Against Hd-173rd the Officers were paced by Lt. Birns with a 526 series, although 1st Sgt. Johnston of Hq. scored a fat 561 effort, including a 207 individual game.

Lt. Les Ackerman was top bowler against A-6th and A-172nd, rolling high series of 531 and 551, respectively. Against A-172nd, he set a new league individual game high of 234.

Kresic on Ball

The Lions kept pace with the high-flying B-174th bowlers by sinking neighboring A-172nd, three games to nothing, with T-5 John Kresic coming through with a 577 high and 210 game. Heaton snagged a 547 for Btry. A.

The B-173rd Tunnelers of Fort Cronkhite took two games from Hq-173rd as Minkler rolled a chubby 512 series for the winners. In the only other match played, Hospital Co. SCU won two from A-6th, Kirby, as Spring topped the evening's kegling with a 499 series.

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
B-174th	16	2	.890
B-172nd	15	3	.833
B-173rd	8	7	.528
A-6th	9	9	.500
Officers	8	10	.440
Hosp. Co.	6	12	.333
Hq-173rd	4	11	.264
A-172nd	3	15	.167

Lions, Sailjers Go 20 Games Undefeated

Deadlocked for first place with twenty wins and no defeats each, soldier keglers of B-174th Team No. 1, Fort Baker, and B-172nd, Fort Barry, went into the fifth week of the North Bay Handicap Class B bowling loop.

Rzanka of B-174th paced his Btry. B bowlers to a four-point to nothing victory over A-6th as he rolled a 478 scratch series. The Lion bowlers of B-172nd continued to race nose and nose with the Bakermen by blasting the Medical Officers three games to nothing and administering a similar shellacking to B-174th's Team No. 2.

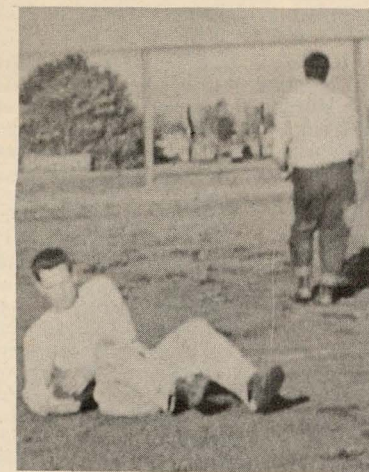
Birns rolled high games in each session of 538 and 527.

Hospital Co. took four from Hd-173rd as Elrod came through with a 491 series, and A-6th, Kirby, knocked over the Medical Officers three games to one, but Major Fowler of the losing officers team took high series of 435.

Lion pinsters have rolled top total pinnage of 2383 and high team game of 883. Lt. Birns has rolled high average, 179.

TEAM STANDINGS

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
B-174th No. 1	20	0	1.000
B-172nd	20	0	1.000
A-172nd	9	7	.578
B-174th No. 2	13	11	.546
Hosp. Co.	10	10	.500
Hq-173rd	4	12	.248
A-6th	4	20	.168
Med. Off.	2	22	.084



CIRCUS CATCH! Sgt. Norman Hibbard, who scored both Fort Barry Lion touchdowns, drops to the turf in the end zone after snagging a pass from Cpl. Ted Lipczynski. Seaman Bill Whitehorn, seen running past Hibbard, failed to block the aerial.

Lion Keglers Sunk; Lose by Single Pin

In spite of a neat 549 series by S/Sgt. Joe Grinus and a tidy 927 team series, the Fort Barry Lion kegling team dropped another noche in the San Rafael Bowling League by losing a hot two game to one decision to Greyhound at the Marin Bowl last week.

Mess sergeant Grinus struck a 224 game in his series, but was closely followed by T-5 Lowell Luken's 222 effort. Trailing Grinus' 549 were Luken, 533; Sgt. Russ Martin, 475; Pfc John Pieper, 465; T-5 John Kresic, 429.

One meagre pin proved the difference the previous week at the Marin Bowl as the 751 Club edged the Lion quintet, two games to one. The Clubbers nudged the Barrymen by one pin in the first game, 855-854, to take the match.

Grinus was tops with 502, and Pieper rolled 499; Luken, 486; T-4 Ralph Hund, 483; Kresic, 472.

Lions 782-927-742-2451
Greyhound 838-811-787-2436

Lions 854-813-775-2442
751 Club 855-833-773-2461



Scott Fighter In Fast TKO

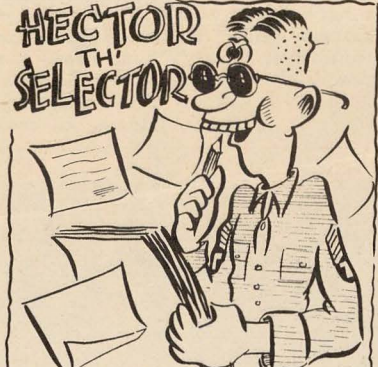
Pfc Al Couture, hard-slugging Fort Scott welterweight, slashed his way into the Ninth Service Command boxing championship finals last week at Camp McQuaide by scoring a TKO over soldier-fighter Frank Bodnar of Camp Stoneman.

The coast artillery boxer had little trouble with Bodnar, flattening him in the first minute of the first round. Bodnar hit the canvas twice before the referee stopped the bout. Both fighters weighted in at 145 pounds.

Held at Camp McQuaide under the direction of Lt. Lewis Twichell, post athletic chief and former Fort Scott officer, the bouts represented the area eliminations.

Couture, who left on furlough for Maine immediately after the McQuaide fight, returns in time to journey to Camp Beale, Calif., for the Ninth Service Command finals. He is being managed by M/Sgt. R. O. King, Hq-HDSF.

Hector Ye Selector 'Dope'-Star Chooses Bowl Game Winners



Ignorant ol' Hector The Selector, who is becoming dumber and dumber each time he selects something, thinks he knows who is going to win the various Bowl games on New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1945.

Rose Bowl—University of Southern California 20, University of Tennessee 6.

Sugar Bowl—Duke University 14, University of Alabama 0.

Cotton Bowl—(tentative) Southwestern University 7, University of New Mexico 0.

Orange Bowl—Georgia Tech. 19, Tulsa University 13.

Shrine East-West—East 14, West 6.

Dig, Brother

There will be no free tickets to the Shrine East-West football game to be played in Kezar Stadium New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 1945, according to the SSO.

The annual grid contest is strictly a charity affair and even the press must pay for the privilege of seeing these 44 All-Americans in action.

Ducats may be purchased at the Crane Hotel, 245 Powell St., but there are very few choice seats left, so hurry.

South Bay Pin Leagues Start

Pins were falling "by the numbers" this week as the South Bay bowling leagues, both Class A and Class B, swung into activity.

Class A bowlers boasted a hot eight-team loop, including Hq-HDSF, Hq-SCU, A-174th, A-HDSF, A-173d, C-172d, Navy and B-6th. Handicap keggers of the Class B league include Hq-HDSF, A-HDSF, A-174th, A-173d, B-6th and Wac Co. SCU.

The Class A league will bowl from scratch, but the junior circuit will roll handicap, 190 scratch, and a maximum of 40 pins for each team member except in case of the Wacs where 60 pins maximum will be allowed.

B-6th is the defending champion in the senior division, having won the handicap league last year. They lost to the Hospital Co. SCU for the HDSF bowling crown.

Beekman Tallies 58 Points to Set New Cage Mark

Basketball rolled under way in the Harbor Defense league last week, and in spite of the fact that some teams could not play games because of military duties, four games were completed with one all-time HDSF record already broken.

The Tunnelers of Fort Cronkhite, Hq-HDSF of Fort Scott, A-6th of Kirby and A-172d of Fort Barry all lived up to advance expectations by winning their games with ease. But it was wiry Sgt. Al Beekman, Hq-HDSF forward, who startled local casaba fans.

Beekman, whose basketball experience only includes high school competition in Malinta, Ohio, went on a scoring spree against A-HDSF, tallying 58 points. The former HDSF high was 42 points chalked up last year by T-5 Bill Murdy of A-174th.

Hq-HDSF had little trouble scuttling Btry. A, 90 to 42, although Fountain, A's center, dropped in 12 points, and Nardone, 11.

Tunnelers had an easy time whipping a hopelessly outclassed but scrappy B-6th team, 82 to 31, with T-4 Frank Kennedy looping 25 points in the rout.

T-5 Earl Benoche and S/Sgt. Glenn Munn each tallied 14 points as A-172d took the measure of Hospital Co. SCU, 47 to 18.

Battery Kirby displayed power in easing to a simple 64 to 18 win over B-6th which was using a last-minute inexperienced quintet. Sgt. Harry Sheldon, A-6th center, poured in 20 points and Pvt. Ken Smith, guard, accounted for 16.

Forfeitures included Navy's default to the Tunnelers and Hq-174th's default to C-172d, Fort Miley. Hq-174th has indicated it will withdraw from the league because of a "lack of players." Arrangements are being made to have them replaced by the 122d Rec. Grp. Cavaliers of West Portal.

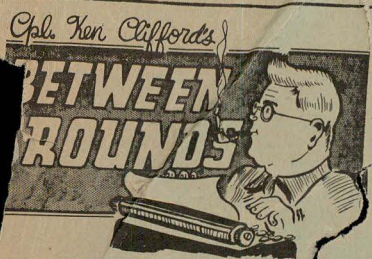
Kennedy Paces Tunnel Cagers to Cavalry Win

Thanks to the sensational scoring of their towering 6 ft. 6½ in. center, T-4 Frank Kennedy, the Tunneler basketball team of B-173d, Fort Cronkhite, turned back the challenge of the 122d Reconnaissance Group Cavaliers, West Portal, 39 to 26, at Tamalpais High School courts last week.

Kennedy, former Phillips O'ler star, slipped in 17 points from his pivot spot, but was closely pressed by T-5 Stanley Peeters of the Cavaliers who hooped 15 points from his forward position.



GRID CHAMPS. The Fort Barry Lion six-man football team of B-172d 'mugs the GGG camera' (and rightly so) after winning the Harbor Defense pigskin crown. Bottom row, left to right, they are Pfc. John Pieper, Pfc. Paul Berzonsky, Sgt. Norman Hibbard, T-5 Bus Rowland, Sgt. Otis Langford. Top row, Cpl. Al Manmiller, T-5 Bob Lingenfelter, T-5 Lowell Luken, Cpl. Ted Lipczynski.



A recent Esquire sports quiz poll put our way asked us whom we thought was the outstanding athlete of 1944.

The choice was difficult because it could easily include such names as Glenn Davis, Don Whitmire, Byron Nelson, Ann Curtis, Willie Pep, Les Horvath, Frank Parker, Pauline Betz, Gundar Haag, Martin Marion, or Al Linde.

But we selected a quiet gent named Arne Andersson.

Mr. Andersson is the Swedish running mate of Gundar (The Wonder) Haag, whose ability on the track is well known to American sports fans.

The Wonder has had more publicity, and, overall, has established more records, but that was prior to 1944. So we put the finger of Mr. Andersson for the simple reason that he is the only human being who has come close to running the much-talked-about "four-minute mile." He negotiated the four laps in 4:02.6.

That in itself is remarkable, but what makes Mr. Andersson's record even more enviable is the fact that he beat the selfsame Gundar to establish the world mark. We have seen The Wonder run and we believe that anyone who can beat him and his amazing speed is the athlete of 1944.

Under perfect conditions, and at the correct psychological moment, we believe this contemporary miler, Mr. Andersson, could run the four-minute mile.

Maybe in 1945.

NOTES FROM THE CUFF: We were more than mildly surprised the other day when dropping in at the Fort Scott bowling academy to find Col. Arthur E. Rowland, CO of Fort Scott and Sub-posts, brushing up on his game a little. Pvt. Henry Knaub, the bowling alley chief, told us the colonel picked up a bowling ball the other evening for the first time and became intrigued with the game. He has been spending subsequent spare moments learning how to roll a Brooklyn—and highly pleased with the results.

Pfc Bill James, former Mine Flo-tilla athlete, has been transferred to the HDSF athletic office as "aide d'camp" to Lt. Leo Murphy, who, incidentally, just made first looey. Bill takes the place of Pfc Bob Mooney who is OCS-bound.

Sgt. Al Beekman scored 58 points against A-HDSF the other night to set a new individual scoring record for Harbor Defense basketball. T-4 Frank Kennedy of the Tunnelers, we believe, could have at least equalled or perhaps bettered that mark last Saturday. He played less than half the game with B-6th, scored 25 points. But we take nothing from Beekman; he's a darn good man to have around.

A one-night ping pong session for soldiers at Fort Scott is being planned soon, according to the post athletic office. Site will be the Scott gym. . . . The arrogant 4th Air Force ice hockey team is gunning for the Harbor Defense team, come the start of the Bay Area servicemen's hockey tournament. . . . The HD basketball team will start play next week with Capt. James McDermott as coach. While the team is not entered in any Bay Area leagues of any kind, it is being groomed for a strong bid in the Ninth Service Command casaba championships in February.

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Sport Sketches

By Sgt. 'Mike' Mikos



'B' AT BAKER

By Bob Murphy

First, I want to apologize to my faithful readers for having missed the last couple of issues. Really sorry to have neglected my journalistic ditty.

The boys in the battery are starting to look like a bunch of zebras since the new T/O came out. Ratings, ratings, and more ratings! It's getting so bad that soon T-5's will have to start pulling guard and privates Cpl. of the Guard.

The dance at the Fort Baker Service Club last Thursday went off very well. All the boys seemed to enjoy themselves except Sgt. Carrol Oswald, who unfortunately was on CQ and couldn't attend. After this it should be arranged that Ozzie isn't CQ when there is a dance at Baker.

The boys in the battery are afraid to go on pass now that Cpl. Whowance is on the "Roving Patrol" at Baker. Some of the boys say he is really a stickler for neatness and appearance when going on pass—especially to Sausalito, because he is Acting Mayor there.

And this guy McMinn; when he snaps to attention you can hear the creases in his pants crack. How about that, Mic?

Talking about promotions, I would like to take a couple of lines to extend congratulations to Lt. Robert Burns, Lt. Robert Radke, and Lt. Sherman Bellwood upon their making 1st Looie.

Last Sunday was a great day in Battery B because 1st Sgt. Cliff Jakust came back from that restful furlough.

Oh yes, one cannot forget about Cpl. Len Brashear getting married last week. The old sunofagun took a three day pass, got married here, then buzzed down to LA to have the folks meet the bride. Len says he is going to knock off for quite a spell and really have a honeymoon when things get quiet. Hope that that day comes soon, Len.

As a parting reminder, I would like to WISH EVERYONE A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

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BAKER MEDICS

Sight of the week: M/Sgt. Irving (Santa Claus) Wolff buying unmentionables for the little woman at a swank San Francisco female apparel shop. Christmas brownies report the rotund sarge enjoyed himself.

Since S/Sgt. Mike (Muscles) Mathews got quarters on the post he's not worried. Neither is his wife, who can now check on his activities with remarkable ease.

That individual walking around hospital halls mumbling about "little red wagons" is not a psychopathic case; it's merely Lt. Ernest Wille, Jr. (Don't forget the 'Junior') going about his daily task of keeping Hospital Co. happy and contented.

Lieutenant Wille was also the recipient of a most unusual Christmas present recently from Arthur Treichler, ex-Lt. Col. at the hospital (now a civie) who came through with a carton of those hard-to-get cigarets.

Wilma Burnham of the hospital mess hall waitress staff went horseback riding the other day. No further comment necessary, of course.

T/Sgt. Cleo Edwards, X-Ray mastermind, has lost that frustrated, love's-labor-not-lost look now that a certain addition has been made to his office.

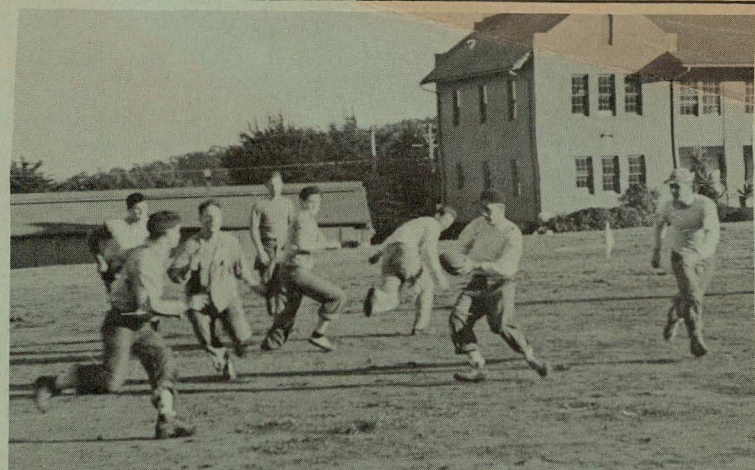
Screaming that the first sergeant's office was "no place for me," T/Sgt. Bill Koepke returned to duties in



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HIPPER DIPPER Sgt. Otis Langford, Fort Barry Lion halfback, scoots around end in their HDSF six-man football championship game with Navy Detachment at Fort Scott recently. The Lions won, 13 to 6.

Midnight Guard

By Sgt. Edward Chapman, former HDSF-er

(Somewhere in the South Pacific a lonely soldier stands his guard. He dreams of home and the girl he left behind—yet he is alerted to the danger before him. Sergeant Chapman, who formerly drove for General Stockton and General Wilson in these defenses, dedicated this verse to his wife. 'Chappy' has been in the South Pacific for almost a year.)

Standing my guard tonight

Looking out over the sea,
The stars are shining down brightly
And it is you I always see.

I remember when times were different
Then I did not have to dream,
Whenever I came off duty
You were always there it seemed.

But now I'm fighting for the future
So that you and I may live free,
That's why tonight I am dreaming,
Of times as they used to be.

Do you remember each time that I kissed you?
Each time that I held you tight,
They all are my heavenly memories,
Of which I am dreaming tonight.

Do you remember those days of heaven
That we spent in our own little dell?
That's why I cherish our memories
Out here in this living hell.

Remember each time that I loved you,
And how often you said, "I'll be true,"
All these things I remember,
And a million others, too.

I pray to God that you will cherish
And always hold on high,
The fact that I love you dearly,
And my love shall never die.

I shall never doubt for a moment,
My trust that I placed in you,
My prayers are all for the future
For the love and happiness we're due.

The wind is beginning its fury,
The stars are beginning to fade,
But my heart is warmed by your promise
And strengthened by the love you gave.

These are the thoughts I am dreaming
That our love is stronger than might,
I hope and pray for the future
Standing my guard tonight.

To my wife, Helen, from your husband, Eddie
Somewhere in the Pacific

SOMETHING FOR THE BOOKS

From the Southwest Pacific comes word that pin-ups have lost their appeal to a Marine private. He discarded his wall-locker cutie collection for a detailed set of curves and lines found on a map of the United States.

DAFFYNITION:

Matrimony—when you marry an armful and end up with a roomful.

BIG COUNT

A census-taker might be defined as one who goes from house to house increasing the population.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



Kipling Didn't Know American Soldiers

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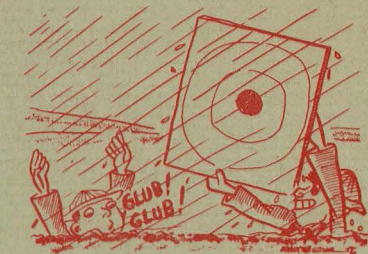
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THE LOST BATTALION

By Pfc Jess Haigler

Realization of the coming Christmas holidays was brought closer home with the arrival of Christmas trees to many of the outfits at Happy Valley. Thanks to Lt. Murphy and Lt. Casey and all those who made possible our having these trees.

It seems that Sgt. Howard and his men are having a hard time building and placing targets on the new rifle range at Ft. Cronkhite. It couldn't be the rain—could it?



After a day's work one would think the poor fellows had marched on the bottomless muds of France—on the bottom. Keep up the good work, men. Rain comes but once a year—(They say).

There was quite a rush for the Post Tailor a few weeks ago. Higher ratings were given to S/Sgt. Matteucci who made M/Sgt.; S/Sgt. Charles Olson, T/Sgt.; T-4 Robert Olson, T/Sgt.; T-5 Clay Howard, Sgt., and Pfc Duane Dowden, T-5.

T-5 Dowden is now on furlough in what he calls God's Country, South Dakota. We are looking forward to see who the girl will be this time. Give those stripes time—they'll do the trick.

T/Sgt. Robert Olson is now on his way to Transportation O.C.S. in New Orleans. Sgt. Olson hails from Minnesota and hated the idea of going below the Mason Dixon. He will find out, through experiences of course, that God's Country lies below that LINE. Best of luck, Sarge. Let's see you when you become one of those famous shave-tails.

From the looks of a few of our NCO's, who attended the party at the Noncoms' Club recently, everything must have been turkey.

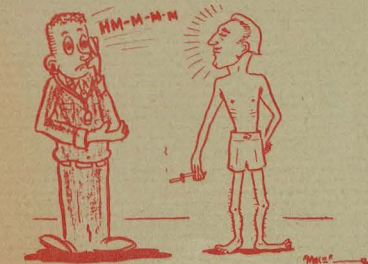
Here's hoping all of you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

SCOTT DISPENSARY

T-3 Thomas Johlle

Never let it be said that the Medics lose out. Having lost several members to other units, they gained two new officers as counter-balance—Lt. John Doyle, MAC for the 6th CA Bn. and "Doctor Yank" Captain Neuner of the 172d.

Not to be outdone by the local city Camera Clickers, HDSFers will



all have a "Profile" taken at the Scott Dispensary. Have you stepped in for yours yet?

Local competition has arisen between the city's well-known hot spot, the Zebra Room, and Scott Dispensary. There has been some question as to which establishment contains more stripes. However, we are afraid it must remain unanswered as local yokels fail to recall whether or not they were seeing double when visiting said elegant pub.

Missing from his usual place as "Chief Denture Venture" is Captain Aldo Vacchina, who is taking a breather at Oakland Hospital. Hope to see him back soon.

It takes a broken wrist to find out that a snow job doesn't work out well on two gals (especially when they are sisters). Just ask Cpl. Burt Payne, he'll give out with full details, as he recovers in Baker Hospital... and how!

FUNSTON CANNONEERS

By S/Sgt. Bill Ewing.

Everyone now has the Christmas shopping spirit. At least that is the excuse for special day passes. By now a number of passes are open nightly so it is possible that the old sock has long been drained.

Men true to the battery spirit gave a pint to the blood bank last Thursday. No one fainted, but a couple members of the group were constantly asking for bourbon. They got water and coffee instead. Several of the battery are donors many times—some five and six time donors. Our plan is to have a group every week. (Sergeant Ewing has given an even dozen pints of life-saving liquid.—Ed.)

Sgt. Williams now spends half the time on his knees in front of the 1st Sgt.'s desk asking for any kind of a pass. Could be that he has found another pent house. From the tales told by our "fat boy Callas" most of the men will now spend passes to Sharps Park and Moss Beach. They don't call Pvt. Scafido and him mayors of those two towns for nothing.

The battery is in the progress of making two bowling teams which will bear watching in the near future. Sgt. Roach tries to throw the bowling ball clean through the back stop of the alleys. Maybe he has baseball and bowling mixed up. Cpl. "Honey Boy" Gregson promises to have a basketball team second to none. They have some very good material to work with.

Sgt. Deutsch, our faired haired boy from the BC station, has at last found the girl of his dreams, but he



has strong competition from Shave-tail.

Just who holds the top rank of "Gray Lady Commando" is not known for sure, but it looks as if Sgt. Vitelli is running for top honors. Cpl. Rubeck will be in there giving him plenty competition.

'SAILJERS'

By T/5 Ray Colonna

Well, here we are back to press after a long absence, with all the news about your salty brothers at Baker docks. First off, congratulations to T-5 'Scooter' Suta. Papa Suta is now the proud father of a bouncing baby boy. Cigars were enjoyed by all over 21 to celebrate the new arrival.

Pvt. Russ Hornbeak took the final plunge while on furlough. Hornbeak loves his wife so much, he thinks nothing of hiking 28 blocks to be with her.

Now that the boys have been incorporated with Btry 'B', they get along like long lost brothers. Sounds like the proverbial empty barrel rolling down hill when they get together.

Lots of new rank here now: Cpls. Brown, Graves, Grant, McWilliams and Mikitka making the \$12 jump to T-4. Pvts. Heisser, Golden, Goldberg, Henricks, Hernandez, were upped to T-5. Plenty of rank being pulled around here now.

Notes from the Bilges

What's all this about 'Sport' Gallo heading out Richmond way so much of late? What's cooking Cookie?

Cheerful note to the gals at the

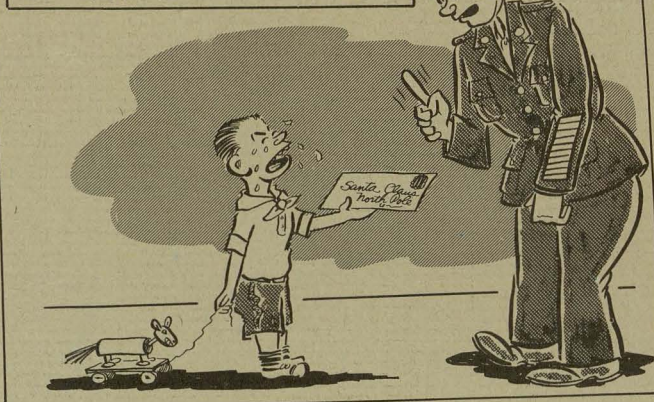


Mill Valley service dances. 'Moose' Perrone will soon be out of the hos-

PRIVATE PUNS

by "MIKE" MIKOS

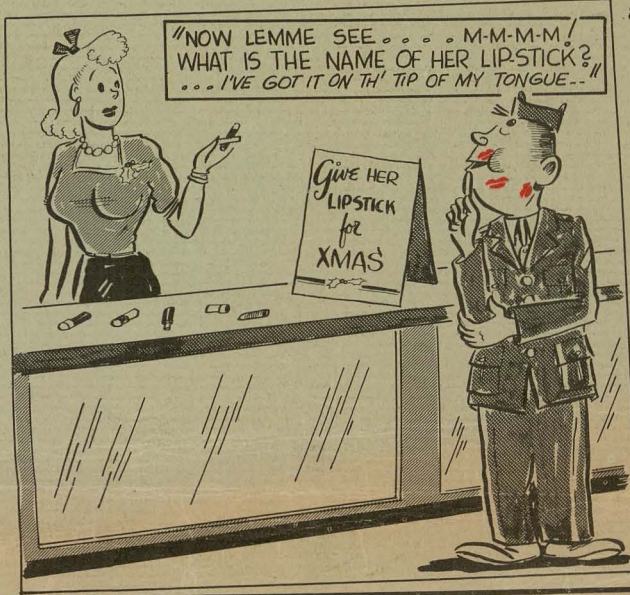
"AN' WHEN DADDY SEZ THERE AIN'T NO SANDY CLAUS HE MEANS THERE JUST AIN'T NO SANDY CLAUS."



CHRISTMAS POME

'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS
AND ALL THROUGH THE BARRACKS—
NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING;
NOT EVEN A MOUSE....
'CAUSE THE B.C. GAVE ALL TH' GUYS A XMAS FURLOUGH!

OH YEAH—



"NOW LEMME SEE... M-M-M-M!
WHAT IS THE NAME OF HER LIPSTICK?
... I'VE GOT IT ON TH' TIP OF MY TONGUE..."



SOLDIER WHO GET IMBUED WITH CHRISTMAS SPIRITS USUALLY HAVE A CORKING GOOD TIME.

AT CHRISTMAS TIME GIRLFRIEND WILL NOT JUDGE SOLDIER BY HIS PAST BUT HIS PRESENT.

SOLDIER WILL PLEASE BE FOREWARNED THAT THE DIMMER THE PORCHLIGHT THE GREATER THE SCANDAL POWER.

ONE PIN-UP PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS.

MISTLETOE IS ANOTHER FORM OF A BOOBY TRAP.

"MIKE" MIKOS

Season's Greetings

'B' TUNNELEERS

By Cpl. Joe Malas

Sgt. Cox is still paying off for bets he made that his offspring would be a boy. He should have known that Indiana fathers always produce girls. It must be the climate in that section of the country. Pfc Allarie was also the father of a girl. After all the boasting he did that his heir would be a husky boy, Pfc Allarie has been seen lately with his head drooping like a Turkey on Thanksgiving Day.

It is a fight to the finish between Sgt. Guzy and T-4 Vingerelli over who is going to drink the most coffee at the Cronkhite Service Club. Could it be the new hostess? Better give up boys, we understand that she has eyes only for Pfc Latt.

Sgt. Krushane is going to hang up his G.I. stocking Christmas Eve, hoping that Santa will bring him a dog collar. Reason for his wanting a dog collar is that his wife apparently has him in the dog house most of the time.

Capt. E. O. Veselka wishes to take this opportunity to wish every member of the battery a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

This column wouldn't be complete without mentioning T-5 'Pop' Cardinal. Asked what he wanted Santa to bring him, Pop replied almost tearfully "A sergeant's rating."

He dislocated an elbow at a recent dance.

'Arthur Murray' Laidoner and 'Fred Astaire' Sokolowski are giving the local jive palaces a big play lately. They have finished their lessons at last.

On final count, it was found that a dark horse won the "Sack Championship." Pvt. Bill Mateer passed both Flambures and Sokolowski in the home stretch to win by a sheets' width.

BAYVIEW INN

Macey's, Gimble's, Sears-Roebuck and Montgomery Ward rolled into one is the verdict of satisfied G.I.'s who have done their Christmas shopping at T-4 Abe Kauffman's 'notion counter.'

Considerable ill concealed envy has been directed toward those two men from Mars, Pfc Glen Tenney and Pfc Frank Litts, as a result of



the Kauffman orso'd leather jackets they've been sporting. Pfc Litts is more widely known as the Mayor of Sausalito.

Sgt. Joseph Ignatius McNamara has returned from furlough, but the boys in the PM office are still wondering if the little lady said yes or no. Sgt. Jim Overcast has promised Pfc Mike Geisler a three day pass if he finishes painting those greeting cards on time. Mighty nice they are too.

That isn't extra weight Sgt. Bert Nichols is putting on. His wife knitted him a sweater to see him through those winter South San Francisco A.M.'s. Nichols pulls the wool over his eyes every morning now.

Ex-Commando Pfc Daniel Barton, now of the KP suicide squad, will spend his first Christmas home in five years. Last year it was Italy but this one it's 'Hollywolf,' L.A. Pfc Irving La Musga has been showing the boys letters from his stepson, S/Sgt. Uel Burt, who is in the Phil-

BEACH SAND HOGS

T-5 John O'Donnell

Last week we had a parade at which Battery 'A' gave out Good Conduct Medals. S/Sgt. Bundy was around asking, "How do you get one?" as he has been in the Army 12 years, and has all the rest of the medals but no Good Conduct ribbon.

One night last week Cpl. West, one of our sentries, thought he would be a hero. He heard a noise in the day room at 0300, so he walked quietly over, gun loaded, ready to charge, opened a door—out jumped our dog, Babe. We have no hero.

Pvt. Ratgian has been going around the battery area picking up all the pieces of paper he sees, saying about each one, "No, that's not it." Sgt. Kilian asked him one day what he was looking for. "A discharge," he replied.

Cpl. Mory asked the mail clerk every day if he had a Christmas package, until it finally arrived. It was worth waiting for. It was a bill-fold full of ten dollar bills.

ippines. Pfc Chris Hampton has a mighty fine V-mail holiday card from his brother who also fights in 'MacArthur-land.'

S/Sgt. Ray Dilettuso is breathing more easily now that his ace chef, T-5 Steve Bieniek, has been de-hospitalized and the mess sergeant predicts that with T-5 Primo Ricci, Sgt. 'Frenchy' Olivier and T-4 Wayne Chinn all present and accounted for, the holiday menu will be 'chowst swell.'

Pvt. Edward Harris, former Philadelphia man about town, is making quite a reputation for himself as the local pinochle tycoon.

The EM of Hdqs. Co. would like to take this opportunity to wish seasons greetings and the best things military in the New Year to Capt. Arthur Fidgeon and Lt. Joseph Jones.